

# Evangeline — My Mother

By Martha Walter, Booneville  
Her name was like a birdsong — Evangeline Bird Walker. Her laughter sprinkled notes of merriment in our household. Endowed at birth with a hilarious spirit, she saw nothing so bad that some little bit of humor couldn't be gleaned from it. One of her favorite sayings was, "Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry, and you cry alone."

"Vannie Bird" had an inborn sense of rhythm and often when I would be banging out a catchy tune on the piano, there would be a sudden thumping noise in the hall and here would come my mother, dancing her way up the

hall with a peculiar jumping step she called a "jig." Try as I would, I could never get my feet to perform that step.

Mother had an impatience for those who complained about every little ache and pain. Blessed with good health, she said she would be ashamed to complain about minor ailments, and we never knew it when she felt badly.

Good-natured though she was, Mother had a rock-bound set of beliefs, and in her book right was right and wrong was wrong. There were no in-betweens, no gray zones.

I remember once when one of my brothers was about ten years old he played a trick on a salesclerk and

switched prices on a belt, getting it fifty cents cheaper. Mother made him turn right around, catch the next bus back to town, apologize to the clerk, and pay the extra fifty cents. (My other brother told on him.)

Another thing she had no patience with was dirty talk, and when my brother cut loose one day with a mild obscenity, she got out the Octagon soap and washed his mouth out. I still remember the bubbles.

I must have inherited some of my mother's sense of humor, for I constantly disgraced my family by giggling in church. Once when a teenager, I had an attack of the giggles while in

the choir, and when we were back at home my mother was talking about the humiliation she felt. I began to excuse myself, describing to her the sudden, terrible stillness when we stood up to sing, the staring eyes of the congregation, looking at us like a flock of sheep. As I went on dramatically, though she didn't smile (that would be condoning), I could see her dark blue eyes begin to twinkle, and I knew she got the picture.

Blessed with an easy-going disposition, my mother never raised her voice in anger, an amazing thing to me, for I had a quick temper like my father. Nothing was too much for her to do

for those she loved, and looking back, it seems incredible that we took so many of those things for granted — things like sitting up over half the night to finish a dress for me that I especially wanted to wear the next day; the homemade goodies she always had ready for us after school; the birthday parties she gave for us; the pets we had (which she cleaned up after) because "all children should have a pet"; the overnight company we enjoyed, with the raids on the refrigerator at midnight, while she lay smiling in the darkness.

I am quite sure that as unthinking teenagers, we must have hurt her

many times, but she never showed it or cried. Mother was never a crier, but I think now that often she must have cried inside.

Home was always a safe haven, for we knew that no matter what happened at school to hurt us, or when friends turned on us, Mother was always there and cared. She thought we three were the smartest and the best there were, and our confidence was restored at home.

Evangeline — my mother — has been gone for many years now, but spirits like hers are never forgotten, and I'm sure that St. Peter enjoys a laugh now and then, just because she's there!

## Modern Minstrel Missionary Spreads Taped African Tunes

LIMURU, Kenya — Glenn Boyd insists he didn't come to Kenya to teach Africans to sing. Instead, he encourages them to sing their own songs in their own languages.

Boyd, a Southern Baptist music promotion missionary in Kenya, says he's learned he can't ask an African to write a song. But he can ask, "Don't you have a song in your head that you could sing these words to?" In minutes, the person may remember a tune from his village and put the words, often scripture verses, to it.

Armed with his ever-present cassette recorder, Boyd travels through African villages collecting Christian songs to share with other villages. His work has become so widely recognized that he and his wife Jeanine, also a professional musician, were asked last winter to write a church music guidebook for Africa which may be translated into as many as 100 languages.

Boyd, who served as a minister of music and youth in Oklahoma and Texas before becoming a missionary in 1971, learned that he had to overcome many obstacles in using Western music in Africa. The music was difficult for Africans to sing, few could read music notes or rhythm, and words like "snow" had little meaning for people living in a tropical climate. Instead of pianos and organs, every church had drums and local instruments, tambourines, or guitars.

When Boyd first began asking Africans to sing for him, they were suspicious. They always chose one of the Western hymns which were difficult

for them, because they were so different from the music they had known from childhood. Gradually they came to believe he really wanted them to sing the music deep within them.

Although he still uses some carefully chosen Western hymns, Boyd has set himself a goal of making at least one tape of vernacular Christian songs each year, in addition to songs he records in Swahili. Though each tribe has its own language, Swahili crosses tribal lines and is used by missionaries in their work.

Boyd often asks a person to translate his song from vernacular to Swahili so another tribe can translate the Swahili into their own language. If he records the song in the vernacular, he translates it into English to encourage missionaries to use it.

Often Boyd has to take advantage of unexpected opportunities to record songs. At the latest meeting of the Baptist Convention of Kenya, he learned that about 50 people from the Giryama tribe were expected to attend. Southern Baptists began work with that tribe through a major evangelistic project in 1976. When Boyd asked them to sing for him, they responded eagerly although their only free time was at 10:30 p.m. following the convention's last session.

Working through Ezekial Biry, a leader who was a tribe member, Boyd asked the people to sing songs that would encourage Christians, songs of testimony, and songs that were theologically sound. When they finished at 1 a.m., 16 songs were on tape. Now that tape is available to any Giryama church wanting new songs.

Though most of Boyd's ministry is with Africans, Boyd feels that he, his wife, and their two musical teenage daughters also have a ministry to the English-speaking community in Kenya. This past Christmas, for instance, he sang the bass solo in the Nairobi Music Society's performance of Handel's Messiah and his wife and older daughter sang in the chorus.

Boyd is now working on a "vernacular" tape for his fellow missionaries. He and his family are making a sing-along tape of favorite English hymns so they can hear the music they miss from home.



Since few Africans can read music, Glenn Boyd, Southern Baptist music promotion missionary in Kenya, makes cassettes of church music from which choirs can learn new songs. Here the choir of Tigoni Baptist Church practices in the language lab at Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly. Boyd uses this

choir, led by Manasseh Mutsoli, for many of the cassettes he prepares. (FMB photo by Jim Richardson)

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## Historians Gather

# Speakers Cite Inerrancy Issue As One Of Import

By James L. Young  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The latest episode in the continuing issue of the inerrancy question and the related seeking of control of the Southern Baptist Convention by an organization given to those causes lurked in the shadows and periodically came to the fore as the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and Society held their

joint annual meeting at Southern Seminary.

Baptist theologians and historians and a non-Baptist national editor cited the present SBC control-inerrancy issue either directly or indirectly as one of import to Southern Baptists.

President Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary referred specifically to this issue and the announced plans of

an organization to seek control of the denomination through electing SBC presidents over the next four to 10 years. He saw the plan and its proponents in less than a favorable light.

McCall said, "If I did not believe in God, I would predict and bet on the dissolution of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1980s."

McCall, who called himself an "inevitable optimist," nevertheless warned Southern Baptists not to think "it couldn't happen here."

McCall said he was "deeply shocked" to hear about a "closed meeting" (on April 3 in Dallas) of some of our colleagues where they were planning the dissolution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Not since Frank Norris (referring to the late dissident Texas Baptist pastor J. Frank Norris) have we had so clear a group of people determined to disfranchise those with whom they disagree," McCall said.

Addressing the subject of "The Role of Southern Seminary in Southern Baptist Life," McCall observed, "The seminary must ever be free to focus the light of its knowledge upon the plans and policies and decision of the

denomination," without interference from "those who will attempt to maintain their position and support their cause by capturing the seminary..."

The inerrancy question was one of several issues and controversies in Southern Baptist life given in illustration of the fact that the denomination projects a series of positive and negative images to people outside the denomination.

James Wall, editor of the national magazine *Christian Century* told the Baptists that the images place the denomination outside the national "religion of civility."

While Wall made much of the "state-recognized" civility religion and of the secular opposition to Jimmy Carter's born again declarations, he also addressed the four areas in which Southern Baptists project both positive and negative images.

Wall cited "a Bible-believing people or inerrancy dogmatists, diligent missionaries or arrogant proselytizers, rigid moralists or defenders of values, and defenders of church-state separation or anti-Roman Catholic, positive and negative contrasts in each area."

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## Thomas Elected To Gulf Coast Campus Ministries

Tim Thomas, a native of Fulton, has been elected Baptist Student Union director for Gulf Coast Junior College.

Thomas, 32, will work under the department of student work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He will direct Baptist ministries on the three campus of the college at Perkinston, Jackson County, and Jefferson Davis.

Thomas is a graduate of William Carey College and is earning the master of divinity degree next month from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was interim BSU director at

Carey the summer of 1970 and was director of religious activities at Carey from 1972-77. From 1972-76 he was also assistant to the chaplain at Carey.

From 1970-72, Thomas was Baptist student director at Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont. and was pastor of Jefferson Valley Baptist Church, Whitehall, Mont., those same two years.

More recently, he was chaplain intern at Seven Counties Alcohol Detoxification and Drug Abuse Center, Louisville, Ky.

Thomas is married to the former Mary Hayes who grew up in Alabama.

## State Gifts Rise To 2nd Highest Month

Cooperative Program gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches in April totaled \$1,116,726, the second highest month of giving ever for the state, according to an announcement from Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson.

January of this year yielded the most given by churches at \$1,221,296. The previous second highest month was October 1979 at \$1,018,812.

The April gifts are a 64.3 percent increase over gifts last April and constitute 9.9 percent of the total projected income.

That total projected income is \$11,247,000. The first four months of 1980, have yielded 32.8 percent of the estimated income for the year, putting projections right on target.

"This kind of giving shows that Mississippi Baptists understand the kind of cooperation that only Southern Baptists have achieved in missions," said Kelly.

## Renewal Awareness Offered At Natchez

By Paul Harrell  
Mississippi Brotherhood Director  
Anyone desiring to learn about Renewal (or more about Renewal) is invited to attend a renewal equipping and awareness conference which is

scheduled for May 16-17, 1980 at the Ramada Inn, Hilltop, in Natchez.

This conference is jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Evangelism department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Findley Edge will deliver the key messages on Friday and Saturday nights. Edge is the author of *The Greening of the Church* and other publications, and is professor of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He will communicate the biblical basis of Renewal and the penetrating effects it is having in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Six two-hour renewal equipping conferences are scheduled for Saturday morning and afternoon. Participants rotate among these conferences so that a person might attend three out of the six.

Emory Wallace pastor of First Baptist Church, DeRidder, La. will be leading a conference entitled, "Pas-

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## Brotherhood Admonishes RA, Scout Merger Leaders

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission adopted a statement of objective, approved a 1980-81 operating budget of

\$2,468,964, and adjusted the agency's staff.

The wide range of trustee actions of the Southern Baptist missions education agency also included setting up machinery for a 75th anniversary celebration of men and boys work in 1982-83, and admonishing national Boy Scout leaders concerning a proposal to merge Royal Ambassadors, Baptist boys missions education organization, with scouting in Southern Baptist churches.

In other business, the trustees agreed to buy a computer system for about \$42,500 and an improved telephone system for \$32,500.

An objective of "helping churches involve men and boys in missions" was okayed by the trustees after extensive debate about the wisdom of including the phrase mentioning "boys."

Executive Director James H. Smith said his agency needs a clearly defined statement of objective to serve as a launching pad for involving men in missions in support of the denomination's goal of sharing the gospel with the world by the year 2000.

In realigning the agency's staff, the trustees supported Smith's proposal to create Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador divisions out of the agency's program and ministries sections.

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## Old Number Is Same For Now

New and more efficient telephone equipment will be installed in the Baptist Building in June or July, according to A. L. Nelson, business manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

In the meantime, new telephone books have been distributed in Jackson that list the new telephone numbers. The new directories became effective May 1. At this point, however, the Baptist Building number remains the same — 354-3704 — Nelson pointed out.

The telephone company operators should be transferring those who might call the new numbers and get no response to the old number, he said. This has caused some amount of confusion, however, and the old number should be used until the new equipment is installed and the announcement is made that it is operating, he added.



Pre-session Music  
Hymn  
Prayer  
Voice of Joy and Praise  
Welcome—Purpose of Commemoration—Bryant Cummings

## "Where We've Been"

Raikes and Flake Multi Media Presentation—  
Written and directed by Gene Hendrix  
Hymn  
Flake Historical Plaque  
Sunday School Teacher  
Worker Recognitions  
(1) Venerable Service  
(2) Perfect Attendance  
(3) Leadership Diplomas  
Voice of Joy and Praise

—Chuck Endsley  
—Cecil Harper  
—Chester Vaughn  
—Martha Branhm  
—Chuck Endsley  
—Bryant Cummings  
(25 Years or More)  
(5 Years or More)  
—Martha Branhm  
—Chuck Endsley

"I Believe in Teaching the Bible" —W. A. Breedlove  
Has taught for over 55 years. Member of First Baptist Church, Tupelo  
"As I Knew Arthur Flake" —W.E. Holcomb  
Has taught over 50 years. Member of First Baptist Church, Jackson

## "Where We're Going" '85 by '85

In the Southern Baptist Convention —Harry Piland  
In the Mississippi Baptist Convention —Mose Dangerfield  
Hymn  
Voice of Joy and Praise  
—Cecil Harper  
—Martha Branhm  
—Chuck Endsley  
Sunday School—Strategy for a Growing Church—Ken Chafin  
Benediction  
Happy Birthday Cake Downstairs



# Musicians Will Hear Seniors And Children In Choral Groups

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Choirs and seminars featuring groups from senior adults to children will dominate the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference June 8-9 in St. Louis.

The conference, to be held at Third Baptist Church, 620 N. Grand Blvd., is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 at the Cervantes Convention Center.

The meeting features premiere performances of three commissioned anthems: an adult chorale by Warren Angell, music dean emeritus, Oklahoma Baptist University, entitled "He is God — the King of Glory;" an older children's chorale by Roberta Bitgood, president of American Guild of Organists, entitled "My Heart is Ready, O God;" and an instrumental duet arranged for piano and organ by Don Hustad and Ron Boud, music faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, entitled "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

Primary speakers include C. Bernard Ruffin, a Lutheran from Alexandria, Va., who will deliver an address on Fanny Crosby, the prolific, blind hymnwriter of the late 19th century who produced such hymns as "Blessed Assurance" and "Rescue the Perishing;" Kenneth Chafin, author and pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, who will bring the devotional messages; Thad Roberts Jr., minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, who will bring the president's message; and Wesley Coffman, chairman, department of the arts at Dallas Baptist College, who will speak on understanding and working with the boy's changing voice.

The opening session begins at 6:45 p.m. June 8 with a variety of musical presentations. It includes a creative worship by William J. Reynolds of the School of Sacred Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and concludes with a reception honoring Reynolds and his wife.

A new gavel, which will be used to call the opening session to order, was handcrafted by Wade Melton, a craftsman at South Main Baptist Church, from a cedar limb taken from a tree in the front yard of the birthplace of the late B. B. McKinney in Heflin, La.

Special interest seminars on the afternoon of June 9 include: more on the boy's changing voice, by Wesley Coffman; organizing a senior adult choir in your church, by John Swayzer, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; and music in foreign missions, by Bill Ichter, the first music missionary to Brazil.

Sawyer's senior adult choir, the Heart Throbs, will present a mini-

concert preceding the special interest session.

This 24th annual meeting of the church music conference will mark the final public appearance of Earl Porter with his A Cappella Choir from Baylor University before his retirement. That concert will be at 8 p.m. June 9.

Other musical groups and choirs will include: the Illinois Church Musicians; Jo Deen Blaine, organist and music associate at Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, with several organ recitals; Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; the Singing Illinoisians; Older Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo.; Missouri Baptist College Choir; Susan Slaughter, principal trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; Clint Nichols, chairman, division of church music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Missouri Singing Men.

The conference business session begins at 11 a.m. June 9.

## Meet Me In St. Louie, Louie . . .



## Religious Education Association Sets 50th Anniversary Meeting

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Southern Baptist religious educators will celebrate their heritage, examine today's educational resources and look to strategies for the future at their 50th annual meeting June 8-9, at the Sheraton St. Louis Hotel.

The silver anniversary meeting is one of several related meetings preceding the annual Southern Baptist Convention at the Cervantes Convention Center June 10-12.

"Religious education has been an evolutionary process," said Lawrence Klempner, president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association and minister of education and administration at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

"As churches became more urban, congregations acquired more specialized needs," he said. "They wanted their pastors to be more involved in counseling and not just preaching. They started to demand more of their pastors and churches which led to the need for multiple-member staffs."

The quarter-century development of the Religious Education Association will be traced at a luncheon June 9 through reflections of early members Ernest Loessner, emeritus professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; William Souther, secretary of music/church training, Utah-Idaho Baptist Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah; Joe Davis Heacock, dean emeritus of the school of religious education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and Allen Graves, dean of the school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mark Short, program consultant for

the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will moderate.

All sessions will revolve around the theme, "Religious Education: The Past Is Important, the Present Is Vital, the Future Is Imperative."

Keynote addresses on the status of religious education will be delivered by Keener Pharr, director of the education division of the Florida Baptist Convention on "The Foundations of Religious Education for Southern Baptists;" by Joe Hinkle, secretary, family ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board on family ministry; by Reggie McDonough, secretary, church administration department, Baptist Sunday School Board, on church administration; and by

Charles Roselle, secretary of the board's national student ministries, on trends in student ministry.

Other program personalities include Crawford Howell, manager of Broadman sales department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Avery T. Willis, church training department, Baptist Sunday School Board; John Sisemore, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; William Hale, associate director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; and Findley Edge, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Bill and Linda Cates, recording artists from Nashville, Tenn., will lead each session in worship.

## Don't Plan On Special Help In Getting Around

ST. LOUIS (BP) — No special transportation system has been planned to transport messengers to and from hotels to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 10-12.

"As we noted earlier on the SBC housing forms, we cannot provide a transportation system this year," said Tim Hedquist, convention manager. "The cost of buses would have equalled the rest of the cost of running the convention."

## Evangelists' Conference Is June 11, Third Church

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Evangelists from around the country will preach and sing for the annual conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists at the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, June 11.

The meeting is one of several that precede the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting being held at the Cervantes Convention Center.

According to Don Womack, conference executive director and evangelist from Memphis, Tenn., the meeting will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A mid-morning breakfast and business session will be held at 8:30 at the Sheraton Downtown.

A concert by music evangelists opens the session. Singing will be

Jimmy Snellen, Dallas, Texas; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Ala.; Lowell Leister, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; the Cruise Family, Jacksonville, Texas; Sam Allen, Lubbock, Texas; Bill Sky-Eagle, Dallas; Chuck Kennedy, St. Louis, Mo.; Jim McNeil, St. Louis; Ron and Claudia Henderson, Albany, Ga.; and Ed and Joni Wingfield, Bristow, Okla.

Sermons will be brought by evangelists Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa, Tenn.; Ed Stalmeier, Jacksonville, Fla.; Hyman Appelman, Kansas City, Mo.; and Rick Ingle, Denton, Texas.

Special music will be brought by Dick Barrett, Bremen, Ga.; Bette Stalmeier, Jacksonville, Fla.; Connie Ware, Plano, Texas; and Jeffy Swimmer, Ripley, Miss.

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## Randall Lolley To Lead Missions Directors' Meet

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Registration for the annual two-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions opens at 3 p.m. June 8 at Fee Fee Baptist Church, 11330 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, Mo.

The meeting, one of several that precede the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 in St. Louis, features educational conferences for both the directors of missions and their wives.

W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological

Seminary, will lead Bible study during the three sessions June 8-9. Special music will be brought by Don Craciola and David West, ministers of music at Concord and St. John's Baptist Churches respectively, in St. Louis.

Other speakers to bring inspirational messages are Gordon Murray, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, St. Louis; Morton Rose, vice president for church programs and services at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and R. Keith Parks, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The business session is to begin at 9 a.m. June 9 and will include, among other things, the recognition of new directors of missions and election of officers.

Each participant will choose two special interest conferences from four possibilities. They are, "Administration in the Association," led by Tom Roote, director of missions for the Birmingham, Ala., association; "Being Pastor to the Pastor," led by Earl Crawford, director of missions for the Calvary-Arrowhead Association in Riverside, Calif.; "Working with Bivocational Pastors" led by Neal Wyatt, director of missions for the Carey, Clay and Randolph associations in Wedowee, Ala.; and "Developing Financial Support for the Association," led by Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

Two special conferences for wives will be "Where do I go to Scream?" led by Mrs. Mickey Patrick, wife of the director of missions for the Lake County Association in Lindenhurst, Ill.; and "Fashion Trends and How To's" led by Mrs. Esther Pounds, wife of a retired St. Louis pastor.

A fellowship snack supper hosted by the Sunday School Board will be served in the church dining hall at 6 p.m. June 8. A fellowship luncheon hosted by the Foreign Mission Board will be served at 12:15 p.m. June 9.

## Bylaw Changes?

## Registration Process To Be More Stringent

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The first phase of increased checking of the registration process for messengers elected by churches will be implemented at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in St. Louis in June.

The increased attention to the registration process follows an investigation of the process at the SBC in Houston last year which turned up a number of violations of the process and procedures in need of correction.

The investigation by Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary, at the request of the SBC, however, failed to uncover any massive wrongdoing which would have affected the election of Adrian Rogers as SBC president. Question was raised about the election following efforts of a group pushing biblical inerrancy to elect him. The 1980 SBC will vote on several proposed bylaw changes which grew out of the investigation.

Porter outlined several steps persons must take in St. Louis to receive accreditation to vote as messengers in SBC business sessions.

1. A person must be elected properly by the church under constitutional requirements which permit one messenger for each "cooperating church" and one additional messenger either for each \$250 of contribution to the work of the SBC or each 250 members. The church must use either the contribution test or the membership test, not a combination, Porter said. No church, under constitutional limitations, may have more than 10.

2. A church allowed the full complement of 10 messengers should elect no more than 10 persons. "The constitution has no provisions for alternates and alternates will not be registered," Porter said.

3. Persons elected must be a member of the church which elects them.

4. Messengers must register personally and present proper credentials from their church. "If they do not bring properly filled and signed messenger cards they will then have to contact the credentials committee," Porter said. "If they can show the credentials committee a letter from their church stating they were elected messengers in accordance with constitutional requirements they will receive credentials."

## Pre-school Set For SBC In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Pre-school childcare will be provided at the Cervantes Convention Center for out-of-town messengers only during the general sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12, in St. Louis.

Children born in 1974 or later may be registered for care while parents attend the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of the SBC on Tuesday, June 10; the morning and evening sessions, Wednesday, June 11; and the morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Thursday, June 12. No afternoon session is scheduled on June 11. Cost is \$7 per child per session payable at the time of registration.

Children will be cared for under the following guidelines: Childcare facilities will open 30 minutes before opening of each session and close 15 to 20 minutes after the session. An additional \$5 will be charged for children picked up late. No food service will be available. Children will be registered by parents and picked up by parents and will be checked in by a registered nurse at the beginning of each session. In case of emergency, the SBC First Aid Committee will be contacted and parents notified.

## Resolutions Committee Named

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Wayne Allen, pastor of East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has been named chairman of the committee on resolutions which will report to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in annual session at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis, June 10-12.

SBC President Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, named Allen and nine other members of the committee.

Rogers urged all messengers submitting resolutions to streamline the procedures with the following steps.

(1) Submit resolutions at least 30 days in advance in writing, if possible, to Allen (East Park Baptist Church, 842 Sweetbriar, Memphis, 38117); (2) check resolutions passed by previous conventions in convention annuals or convention bulletins; (3) be prepared to turn in a written copy of the resolution at the platform if it is made from the floor.

"If they don't have written confirmation they will have to fill out a form for credentials attesting they were elected. After that they must present that form to the credentials committee to be checked. If it is approved they will be given credentials."

"We will continue to operate on our historic assumption that churches will

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properly elect and properly certify election of their messengers and that individuals will honestly represent their election," Porter declared.

"However, because of the problems in Houston the procedure will be more closely checked and further controls added in the future as Southern Baptists get acclimated to the new approach. We must maintain the integrity of the registration and voting process," Porter said.

"Lack of a properly filled out registration card will create a time consuming process," Porter said. "It would be worth a few minutes before the convention for messengers to assure proper election and certification." He said proper messenger cards are available to churches through state Baptist offices and most associations.

Porter said registration for the SBC will open at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 8, at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis preceding the convention and will continue until the convention ends on June 12.

Padina, Yugoslavia — Josip Horak of Zagreb was reelected president of the Baptist Union of Yugoslavia during the recent conference of church delegates there. Other officers reelected were: vice-president, Andrija Korok of Erdvick, secretary, Josip Sudar, of Karlovac; treasurer, Karlo Lehotaky, of Novi Sad.

Churches reported 106 baptisms during 1979, but deaths and emigration to Western countries caused total membership to remain at about 3,500 — (EBPS)

## Golden Gate Alumni Set St. Louis Date

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — The Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association will have its annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., June 11.

The luncheon event will be held in the Boulevard Room of the Sheraton St. Louis Hotel at 12:30 p.m. The Sheraton St. Louis is adjacent to the Cervantes Convention Center in downtown St. Louis, where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet. Tickets purchased for the luncheon by June 1 will cost \$6.50 per person. After June 1 the price will be \$7.50 per person.

To order tickets, write to the Alumni Office, Golden Gate Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, California 94041.

## Campus Ministers To Explore Ethics

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers will explore ethics and campus ministry in the 1980s at the group's fourth annual meeting, June 8-9, at Stouffer's Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis.

The meeting is one of several convening in conjunction with annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12, at the Cervantes Convention Center.

Speakers include James M. Dunn, executive director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, Dallas, on economics and world hunger; Paul Simmons, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on medical ethics; Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary, on the ethics of nuclear power; and Harry N. Hollis Jr., associate executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn., on family life.

The meeting gets underway at 3 p.m., with registration, fellowship and worship on Sunday, June 8, and will convene morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, June 9. A banquet is planned Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, with William M. Pinson, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., as speaker.

## Ministers' Wives Group Will Celebrate 25th Year

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Three Baptist ministers who have been married for a combined total of 150 years will address the 25th annual luncheon meeting of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives at noon, June 10, at the Sheraton St. Louis Hotel.

Jerusalem (EP) — A record crowd of 95,000 Christian and Jewish pilgrims converged this year on the holy city of Jerusalem as the celebration of Easter in the calendars of the Eastern and Western churches coincided with the ancient Hebrew feast of Passover.

The speakers are Robert E. Naylor, retired president of Southwestern Baptist Convention presidents, J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Theme for the conference will be "Ministering Through the Years," according to Carolyn Coggin, president of the ministers' wives and wife of James E. Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.



# Renewal Awareness Offered At Natchez

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tor's Role in Renewal." This conference will deal with the methods and programs a pastor can use in equipping and facilitating the laity in ministry.

This will relate to the Lay Renewal program and other things such as the coordination of groups, body life (pastor's large group) meetings, developing koinonia, and preaching and teaching Renewal Pastors interested in fostering trends of Renewal in their church will benefit from this conference.

Bill Clemmons, associate professor of religious education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, will lead a conference relating to groups in the church. Clemmons will bring to this conference a rich background of experience as he seeks to deal with the initiation, maintenance and coordination of Renewal ministry groups in the church.

Also, he will communicate how such groups relate to the regular Baptist Men and W.M.U. groups in the church. To be included in this conference are prayer groups, ministry groups, mission action groups, group dynamics, etc.

David Haney, the newly elected di-

rector of the Baptist Men's section of the Brotherhood Commission, will lead a group on body life activities. Because of David's pastoral background and experience in Renewal through his church, this conference will provide practical ways of dealing with the response of the church to an affirmation of lay ministry. The conference will deal with hot to develop koinonia in the church, how to hold a bold life service (pastor's large group), how to develop a life reporting system, etc.

Of great interest are other group conferences, which will include "Youth Renewal in the Church," led by Beth Lord and Wilma Wild; "Lay Evangelism Training," led by Calvin Cantrell and "Mission Opportunities for the Laity," led by Paul Harrell.

There is no registration fee. Participants bear their own expense of food and lodging. For room reservations, please write to Ramada Inn, Hilltop, P. O. Box 1263, Natchez, Miss., 39120.

In making reservations, please inform the motel that you will be attending the Lay Renewal Conference. If further information is needed, please contact the Brotherhood department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, telephone 354-3704.



## 55 Attend Senior Adult Seminar

Fifty-five persons were registered April 21-23 in a Senior Adult Seminar conducted at the Baptist Building, Jackson. Shown are some of the participants. In the foreground, from left to right are Horace L. Kerr, Kermit S. King, Mrs. Ava Tolbert, and Robert Holly. In the background is Glenn Shows. Kerr is supervisor of the senior adult section of the Family Ministries department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. He is author of the book on which the seminar was based, *How to Minister to Senior Adults in Your Church*. King and Holly are senior adult coordinators for Baptists of Mississippi and Arkansas respectively. Tolbert is transportation coordinator on the staff of the Mississippi Council on Aging and Shows is minister of youth, First Church, Clinton. Activities for the remainder of the year for senior adults in Mississippi include three retreats at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, May 19-23, May 26-30, and August 18-22; and two tours, one to Glorieta, New Mexico, September 17-27 and the other to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, October 10-18.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

- May 11 Baptist Children's Village Mother's Day Offering
- May 13 Associational Planning Workshop, Alta Woods, Jackson, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (PD)
- May 15 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conference, FBC, Union, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- May 16-17 Retreat for the Mentally Retarded, Their Parents and Workers, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 5:30 p.m. 16th-5:00 p.m., 17th (CT)
- May 16-18 Regional Lay Renewal Training, Ramada Inn, Hilltop, Natchez, 7:00 p.m., 16th-9:45 p.m., 17th (BRO)

## Interfaith Conferences Are Set In Three Association

Interfaith Witness Awareness Conferences are scheduled in three associations in May. According to Hollis Bryant of the Cooperative Missions Department Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, whose office helps coordinate these meetings along with the Home Mission Board, these will be the last interfaith awareness meetings for the year. No more are scheduled at the present.

The three associations holding the conferences are Prentiss, Holmes/Leflore, and Humphreys. Each meeting will take place 7-9 p.m.

The Prentiss meeting will take place May 19 and May 20 at First Baptist Church, Booneville. Sessions will be on the Unification Church, Jehovah's witnesses, Mormons, and World Religions.

The Holmes/Leflore meeting will be May 22 at First Baptist Church, Greenwood. Studies will be on the Unification Church, Jehovah's witnesses, Mormons, and the World Wide Church of God.

The Humphreys meeting will be May 23 at First Baptist Church, Belzoni. Studies will be the same as for the Holmes/Leflore meeting.

Teachers for the meeting include Hollis and Eunice Bryant; Gary Leazer, and Peter Chen, both of the HMB Interfaith Witness department

staff; Mrs. Wayne Gullett, wife of the pastor of Morrison Chapel Baptist Church, Cleveland; and Maurice Smith, HMB area missionary for Interfaith Witness.

## Sponsors Are Needed For Refugees

By Richard Alford, Mississippi Language Missions Consultant

Refugees are in flight from countries in almost every continent in the world. Rapidly changing political situations do not allow the time for publicity campaigns to express to Baptists the needs for various refugee groups. Churches, individuals and groups are needed who will list themselves as available open sponsors.

Such a sponsor says in effect, "We are willing to consider sponsoring people from any country." This would permit the Home Mission Board to contact them when unexpected cases arise.

Recently a small group of Ethiopians were refugees fleeing to this country. They had many desirable

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## Washboard Band, Magician To Be At Exceptional Retreat

The Washboard Band made up of a group of women from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, directed by their Youth Director, Jan Cossitt, will again be on the agenda for a Retreat for Exceptional Persons at Camp Garaywa.

The retreat begins Friday, May 16, with supper at the Campsite on the grounds at 6 p.m., and concludes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 17th.

Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, ministry to exceptional persons at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the conference leader for parents and teachers. Mrs. Monroe is the author of the book, "A Church Ministry to Retarded Persons," the recommended manual to be studied by all church-related departments for the retarded.

The theme of the retreat is "The World of Disney," and all activities

will be designed around this theme with Disney cartoons, a clown, talent show, and three side shows. These side shows will feature a magician, James Rimmer of Jackson; a puppet show with Diana Chiles, a puppet therapist from the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; and a ventriloquist, Sharon Wilson from Mississippi College.

Very capable counselors and teachers of exceptional persons will plan and direct group activities for all the exceptionals.

The cost of the retreat is \$12.89 for each person attending. Each exceptional person who comes must have a sponsor attending with him or her preferably a parent or teacher.

Reservation information is available from the events planner, Evelyn George in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Building, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

## McClelland To Speak To Associational Officers

Albert McClelland, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, will be the speaker for the morning general session of the Associational Planning Workshop, May 13.

The Tuesday meeting will begin at 9:30 a. m. and will conclude at 3 that afternoon. It will take place at Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Drive in Jackson.

This meeting is designed to acquaint associational officers with suggested programs for the churches for the 1980-81 year and to make them aware of associational projects which might

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## "Christ Is Lord" — Theme For Music Leaders' Meet

By Dan C. Hall, director Church Music department Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

"Christ Is Lord" will be the theme for this year's Church Music Leadership Conference at Gulfshore, July 24-26. All church musicians can gain knowledge and inspiration to aid them with their specific responsibilities by being a part of this conference.

Specially planned and staffed sessions will be offered for ministers of music (part-time and full-time), volunteer music leaders, associational music officers, accompanists, children's choir workers, adult choir members, and spouses. Supervised activities will be available for children and youth, as well as day-care services for babies and preschoolers.

Oscar Thompson, assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, will be the guest speaker for the worship services.

William J. Reynolds, formerly director of the Church Music department at the Baptist Sunday School



Reynolds

Board and now professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary, will be leading the conferences for full-time and part-time ministers of music. Reynolds has recently compiled the book, *Building An Effective Music Ministry*, published by Convention Press. He is well known as a composer, arranger, lecturer, conference leader, and author.

Other out-of-state and in-state clinicians will finish out the faculty for the three-day conference. Details of each conference segment will be released at a later date.

A variety of special interest classes will be offered during the afternoons. The classes will cover such topics as: sound and sound systems; music and missions; music drama; handbells;

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## BMC Graduates Hear Dilday and Walker

The executive director of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the president of Southwestern Seminary spoke at the 107th commencement exercises at Blue Mountain College Sunday, May 4.

Delivering the commencement address to 1980 graduates of BMC was Arthur L. Walker, Jr. of Nashville. He is the executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission and was on the faculty of Samford (Ala.) University for 20 years. Walker assumed his present position in 1978.

The baccalaureate address was given at 11 a.m. on Commencement Sunday by Russell Dilday, Jr., President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Eighty-one seniors are receiving their degrees this year and participated in the May 4 exercises. Fifty-seven of those have completed their studies, and the others plan to do so by the end of the August session.



Dilday



Walker

## Sunday School Offers Four Mini-Sessions

Four Sunday School Leadership Mini-Conferences will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly on July 28 - August 2 and August 4-9. Each week will provide two mini conferences with the same faculty and the same program.

The first mini-conference will begin with the Monday evening meal and adjourn at Wednesday noon. The second mini-session of each week will begin Thursday evening with a meal, adjourning Saturday noon.

The R. L. Sigrests, Yazoo City, will direct music for the first week.

The David Youngs, Holmes Junior College, Goodman, will lead music second week. David is director of band at Holmes Junior College.

Five hours of leadership time is offered each mini session. Preschool

conference leadership for the first week includes Barbara Floyd, Texas and Patsy Wilson, Starkville. Children's leadership will be led by Mrs. Bob Taylor, Nashville and Janice Haywood, North Carolina.

Youth leadership will be directed by Judy Wooldridge, Nashville. Two adult conferences will be led by Mark Fowler, Texas and Terry Lawless, Alabama. Don Dendy, Texas will direct the general officers conference. A library (media) conference will be led by Mrs. Peggy Tacon, Alabama.

Preschool leadership for the second week will be Merle Harrell, Texas, and Sybil Waldrup, Nashville. Children's leadership will be Mrs. Lou Heath, Nashville and Mrs. Pat Boone, Nashville. Helen May, Louisiana, will direct youth leadership conferences. Adult conferences will be led by Mrs. James Smith, Texas and Mrs. Fern Stuart, Texas. James Smith, Texas will lead the General Officers.

Youth (ages 12-17) will be taught both weeks by Mrs. Ruth Allen, Jackson and will meet simultaneously with leadership conferences.

Associational leadership conferences will be led both weeks by Judd Allen, Sunday School Department.

Provisions for preschoolers and children during morning sessions will be offered but no provision at night sessions.

For room rates and information on fees at Gulfshore, write Frank Simmons, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. (452-7261)

For Sunday School program information write Bryant Cummings, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. (354-3704)

The Bible is the only Book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity. — Matthew Hale

Let your charity begin at home, but do not let it stop there. — Henry Martyn



David and Sandra Young



Beth and R.L. Sigrest

## Gulfshore Summer Schedule 1980

Date	Conference	Contact Person
May 19-23	I-Senior Adult Retreat	Kermit King
May 23-26	Singles Renewal Retreat	J. Clark Hensley
May 26-30	II-Senior Adult Retreat	Kermit King
May 30-June	3I-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 3-7	II-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 9-13	III-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 13-17	IV-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 17-21	V-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 21-25	VI-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
June 26-28	Church Training Leadership Conf.	Norman A. Rodgers
July 1-5	Family Enrichment Conference	J. Clark Hensley
July 7-9	Pastor/Church Staff Conference	Leon Emery
July 9-12	Youth Instrumental Retreat	Dan Hall
July 12-16	Young Musicians Music Conference	Dan Hall
July 16-19	Youth Choir Retreat	Dan Hall
July 19-23	Youth Music Conference	Dan Hall
July 24-26	Music Leadership Retreat	Dan Hall
July 28-30	I-Sunday School Mini-Conference	Bryant Cummings
July 31-August 2	II-Sunday School Mini-Conference	Bryant Cummings
August 4-6	III-Sunday School Mini-Conference	Bryant Cummings
August 7-9	IV-Sunday School Mini-Conference	Bryant Cummings
August 9-13	VII-Youth Conference	Larry Salter
August 13-16	Church Recreation Conference	Kermit King
August 18-22	III-Senior Adult Retreat	Kermit King

## Attention—Sunday School Officers And Teachers

Information has been given to all pastors, education directors and other staff in our state requesting the names of individuals in local Sunday Schools and churches who have worked or taught in Sunday Schools 25 years or longer (cumulative) and individuals who have perfect attendance (five years or longer) in Sunday School, according to the policy of the local Sunday School.

This information is needed for the "RAIKES and FLAKE COMMEMORATION" program of those who plan to attend on May 22 at the City Auditorium in Jackson.

Write immediately the Sunday School department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205; or call — 354-3704.

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## Editorials

### Southern Baptist dynamics . . .

## Convention will find the right course

The continuing effort by Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Paul Pressler, a Houston, Texas, judge, to influence the selection of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention in order to influence the selection of the members of the SBC Committee on Committees and thereby the selection of the trustees of the agencies has been noted.

Right off, five things should be considered. One is that the group has changed its goal from last year. The goal last year was to elect all three of the presidential officers. It failed at that. The stated effort now is to influence the election of the president for a span of 10 years so that the total make-up of agency trustees will have been changed.

The second is that there is always the possibility that one who is a conservative and gets elected because of it might well be a great deal like most other conservatives—that is, being a conservative by conviction and answering only to himself and to the Lord. That seems to have been the case last year. There is no question but that Adrian Rogers, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Jimmy Draper, the president of the Pastor's Conference, are conservative to the core. They may have taken positions that have made them unpopular in certain quarters. But it seems more likely that any such positions were because of inner convictions than because of any allegiance to an organized effort.

The third is that the Pressler-

Patterson group has every right to do what it is doing if it wants to. Perhaps it will be counter productive. Perhaps it will not. That is something the group will have to make a decision on and a chance it will have to take if the decision is to continue. If it is not the first time there has been a group formed to seek to influence the direction of the convention. Surely it will not be the last. Historically, such groups have not lasted long nor have they exerted a great deal of influence on a continuing basis. The Pressler-Patterson leaders know this, and they are trying to lay a firmer foundation and go about their business in a more thorough fashion.

The fourth is that it could well be that some of the conditions do exist that are cited by the Pressler-Patterson group as problems. It is possible that what one group might see as a problem another might see as a blessing. A case in point is Patterson's statement that some pastors look upon the convention as "big brother." This certainly was never the intention of the founders of the convention. As it has grown through the years, however, there may have developed an attitude that a certain person is all right because he goes along with the program, therefore he is due particular consideration among his fellows. From that would tend to develop the "big brother" concept. On the other hand, there has to be some sort of criteria on which to base judgments of others in matters of reference. Each person makes up his own set of criteria, and it could well be true that generally across the convention those criteria have come to re-

volve around loyalty to Southern Baptist ideals and causes. It is difficult to find fault with that. We believe that Southern Baptist ideals and causes are based on scriptural admonitions.

The fifth is that Southern Baptists, over the years, somehow manage to ferret out what is worthwhile and adapt those worthwhile things for their use. There was an illustration heard recently that a large ocean liner plowing its way across the uncharted seas would need four miles to turn around if it were found to be off course. Southern Baptists are somewhat that way. It may take awhile, but the body always manages to come back to the right course if it gets off.

There is no reason to wish the Pressler-Patterson folks any ill will. Perhaps there are circumstances that they know about that need changing. It is difficult to know what they are, because the circumstances they continue to talk about are not readily apparent. Patterson says most Baptists hold to the faith of our founding fathers, but probably it would be more accurate to say that almost all Baptists hold to such a faith. But he says, "I am also of the persuasion that a very large contingency in significant denominational posts do not in fact believe that any longer." That statement is debatable.

I don't know many seminary professors. The ones I do know are almost inextricably tied to the Book, in as far as I can tell. I do know many denominational workers. Perhaps I am biased by my own thinking, but I would match the conservatism of those I know with that of anyone else in the convention. I

would match the belief in an unquestioned authority of the scriptures by those I know with that of anyone else. I would match the belief in the complete inspiration of the scriptures of those I know with that of anyone else. I have been in denominational work for 23 years, and I have not encountered many who were not basic, solid, conservative believers.

So let the Pressler-Patterson group move as it sees fit. The convention will make its decision based on the collective attitude of the messengers. One thing is certain: the attitude is liable to change between the St. Louis meeting this year and the Los Angeles meeting next year.

Another thing is just about as certain: Adrian Rogers will be re-elected as president of the convention this year. It is doubtful that another name will be presented.

The group says it wants Southern Baptists to admit what the Baptist Faith and Message Statement says.

It was adopted in 1963. It has been reaffirmed year after year. A statement of clarification was heard last year from the chairman of the committee that produced it, and the convention sustained him.

The statement continues to surface that the seminary professors should declare themselves. Where would they go to do it? Who should they tell? What kind of a meeting should be called to hear such a declaration?

They have all signed abstracts of faith that are at least as basic as the Baptist Statement of Faith and Message. What more can be said?—DTM

### Honoring Praying Mothers



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### "I Love You, Mama"

Last Sunday W. D. and I attended homecoming day at First Church, Louise, at the invitation of his sister, Odell Pass. Pastor Bill McClellan preached on I Corinthians 15, and compared the good fellowship of a church homecoming day to the fellowship Christians will experience at home-going, a time of reunion in heaven.

Last Sunday, County Line Church in East Liberty Association in Alabama, the church where I was baptized, celebrated its 145th anniversary. Its regal old building, in use since 1889, was this year placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks. The land was bought from the Creek Indian Nation in 1833, and the church established there in 1835. I plan to be at County Line next Sunday with my mother, to celebrate her special day.

It has been reported that James Whistler, the artist who painted the now famous portrait of his mother, said, "One does like to make one's mummy as nice as possible."

Vice versa, my mother always liked to make her whole family, as well as herself, look as nice as possible for any special occasion.

Several weeks before Mother's Day or other big event we would drive to West Point, Ga., to shop at Penney's and Kessler's and Belk-Gallant's. Daddy would walk with us for a while; then tire of shopping, and go to wait in the car until we had finished. Mama would select material for dresses she planned to make for herself and for Betty and me. Seldom did we buy a ready-made dress. Once, I remember, though, Mama tried on a dress, predominantly green, that was a perfect fit. I ran to ask Daddy to come back into the store to see how he liked it. He said she looked very pretty in it (and she did, with her black hair and brown eyes). "Go ahead and buy the green hat to match it," he told her.

The three of us got new permanents, the kind in which the beautician hitched the long electric wires to clips that were attached to the curlers all over your head.

Friday night before Mother's Day Mama hemmed the new dresses she had made for my sister and me, with tiny neat stitches. Saturday she heated the irons on the wood burning stove and pressed the dresses carefully, concentrating on pressing the seams open. I wondered why she was always so particular with the inside that didn't show. But I've learned since that you can tell a quality garment by looking at the under side, or a quality piece of furniture by looking underneath it, or a quality piece of jewelry by looking at the back of it, or a quality person by what is on the inside. True quality is good on both sides, all the way through. And Mama knew that all along.

Sunday morning came, and we needed lots of time to get dressed. But Mama never skips breakfast. We had hot biscuits and sausage and syrup and butter. Soon Daddy was in the car calling, "All right, Johnnie, it's time to go." We dashed out to pick red roses if we could find them—pink ones if we couldn't—and pinned them on our lapels as we rode along.

In the opening Sunday School assembly most of the children would recite poems about mothers. That Sunday morning at County Line mine was a long one that started, "I love you, Mother, said Little Nell, I love you more than tongue can tell."

In Home Life for May, Gladys Lewis says that the family ritual is important because "rich memory deposits are made which give enormous operating capital to the group." I'm happy that Mama realized the importance of establishing family rituals and traditions. Thank you, Mama, for helping us to store away rich memories of special days.

### Only God can change a drunk . . .

## "Drugs are controlled by demonic forces"

By Sonny Daniels  
Benton

After reading the article "Tough love lifted him out of a cycle of despair" in the Baptist Record dated April 3, 1980, I felt a need to write this letter. It is not my intent or purpose to belittle any attempt made by a person or a group of persons, who offer help to human beings in need.

In a desperate search to find aid and freedom from "drug alcohol," I found that men and their organizations cannot save one single person. God is the answer to the drug problems of all persons hooked on ANY drug. This fact is not stressed enough through personal contact or printed matter. We have to get to the "source" of the problems, which is: "Drugs are controlled by demonic forces."

After reading all the pamphlets, booklets and literature I could find, I remained a drunkard for twenty five long years. Not an alcoholic, a drunk. Where in the Bible is the word alcoholic found? God's word says drunk or drunkard.

God gave to mankind, thousands of years ago, in writing, His divine way to live our lives successfully. The book is called the Holy Bible. It's pages are filled with answers to all our daily problems, large or small (but it has to be read and re-read). Yet, we seldom see God quoted anymore. Rather, we see men rationalizing and constantly stumbling in their own intellectual ignorance. Ignorance of the ALL-POWERFUL God, who, in the beginning, created the puny little men we all are; puny and nothing without Him. Lost and doomed to a forever death when He stops time for us and forever eternity begins, unless we have accepted Jesus Christ as our savior.

You see, I too walked with the "liv-

ing dead." I made an agreement with the Devil and spit in death's face; cursed God and should have died and gone to Hell, separated from Him. I was in a drunken stupor; not DRUNK all the time, but under the control of the "hidden world of the Supernatural."

All men can find rest and be healed by God, through the "Divine Love" of His Son, Jesus Christ. That's why the Father God sent His Son to planet earth. Healed, cured, call it what you choose, I know I am no longer a drunk; and I have no desire to drink because God's healing power set me free.

If a man would climb to the top of your office building, or any multi-storied building and willfully jump to the ground, attempting to kill himself, but did not die and was left a vegetable for the remainder of his life, would this man have a disease or did he sin? The same would apply to any type of suicidal effort, would it not? Sin is sin. It has never been anything else, nor will it ever be.

When will we stop rationalizing and justifying sin and turn from our wicked ways and seek God again? I Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor DRUNKARDS, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Rationalize, sensationalize sin or jus-

tify it any way man can, but it has always been sin and nothing can change that profound fact.

Jesus, while here on earth, healed many people. It is worth reading again, and again, about the multitudes He healed, in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He performed so many miracles that in John, Chapter 21, verse 25, it says "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

Jesus said: "Come unto me ALL ye that labor and are HEAVY LADEN, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my load is light." (Matthew 11:28) In John, Chapter 14, Jesus tells men He is the way to the Father. He also promises us the Holy Spirit in this chapter. Verse 18 says, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." He also made the statement in Luke, Chapter 13, repent or perish. Repent means a change of mind. Perish is to be destroyed violently.

Your readers might also choose to read for themselves the 28th Chapter of Isaiah. The first verse says, "Woe to the crowd of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!" Read the entire chapter and see God's wrath poured

out upon a land full of drunks.

I read an article in a medical journal which stated that ten to twenty million Americans are hooked on "drug alcohol." Only three to five percent of these are skid row type drunks. In a tract I picked up recently it stated that each drunk's life touches the life of five more people. That being the case, somewhere around one hundred million Americans are daily touched directly by "drug alcohol." I read that in 1974, alcohol sales were twenty five billion dollars. The country paid out 25.37 billion dollars or \$124.83 for every man, woman and child in our Nation for "drug alcohol" related problems. For example, lost production on jobs, health problems, medical payments, auto accidents and other areas of social behavior related to drinking beverages containing the "drug alcohol."

This has already reached epidemic proportions and we are only doing battle against the after effects of this drug's devastation being wrought upon our nation by Satan and his demonic forces that control the "drug alcohol." We are doing nothing to stop or cut off the flow. We, as Christian people, have the Power of God at our disposal, but we very simply are not rising up in righteous indignation. We are, in fact, not binding ourselves together. Satan says "boo," and we split and run away.

Read Isaiah, Chapter 28 and the 16th, 17th and 18th Chapters of the Book of Revelations. Ask yourself reader, Where is Mystery Babylon???

## Letters To The Editor

### Thanks For Suit

Editor:

My wife and I spent our first Christmas in North Dakota this past year, having moved from Texas.

Our holiday was made a bit brighter by the much appreciated gift of a new suit from the Mississippi Brotherhood.

I have written an individual letter of thanks, but wanted to write to the Record a letter for all the men of Mississippi to let each of them know how much the thoughtful gift was needed and appreciated.

Be sure to remember our Northern Plains work all year in your prayers.

God bless you,  
George L. Draper, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 422  
Devils Lake, N. D. 58001

mentally retarded child.

I read and hear of so many good things churches Christians, special church organizations do for everyone; however, I never read or hear of good things done for the mentally retarded. Most churches do not even have a place for the retarded. How many families stay home because there's no place for their handicapped child?

Can you imagine a life without a friend, a life full of "poking fun" from others, no swimming, no skating, no movies, no sports, no camps, no picnics, no pleasure drives, no games, no future except in an institution? This is the sad, lonely life of a retarded child.

We need help. Can someone help us?  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Charles S. McInnis  
404 Glen Rose Drive  
Jackson, Miss. 39209  
Telephone - 922-2417

### Use All Three Commentaries

Editor:

I received information that you would be discontinuing the "Bible Book Series" comments printed in the Baptist Record in June. The reason being you would pick back up on the

International Series. I am a teacher of an adult class and find help available every place I can. I've really received a blessing from the help in the Baptist Record.

I receive mine on Thursday each week and by that time I've covered a lot of material for my lesson. Many times I receive much help in forming my outline and conclusion from your comments. Please take this letter as a means of encouragement to continue this. I know this requires a lot of work but I encourage all of my class to read their lessons from the Baptist Record along with their books. This is truly a blessing and help.

I think all three of our Sunday School Lessons should be in the Baptist Record.

Thank you for your time and help. My prayers are for you.

Mrs. James L. Rayner  
Middle Adult S. S. teacher  
DeSoto Baptist Church  
Shubuta, MS

### No Adam And Yves

Editor:

I'm writing in regard to the letter from Mrs. Chuck Miner of Jackson ap-

pearing in the last Record. She stated her concern about ABC planning to air the movie ADAM AND YVES.

In the recent newsletter, National Federation for Decency published by Don Wildmon, it stated that ABC-TV will not air the program ADAM AND YVES, the story about two homosexual lovers. The Director of Community Relations at ABC informed them that the program will not be aired now, not this spring, and not at all!

Thanks to the concerned citizens who cared enough and took the time to write and send in petitions to the FCC and to ABC network. Because of this action we will be spared a program concerning two homosexual lovers.

I wanted to share this information with you. We still need to continue taking action against this type of programming. Keep up the good work!  
Marie Prewitt  
Silver City, Ms.

The flame of Christian ethics is still our highest guide. — Winston Churchill

God heals and the doctor takes the fee. — Franklin — Poor Richard's Almanac

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# Common Complaint Of Troubled Marriages Is "No Sharing"

This is the third of a series on religious faith in marriage by R. Jack Follis. Follis is chaplain director in the department of pastoral services at East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian.



A graduate of Sam Houston State University, he earned the master of theology, master of religious education, specialist in education and doctor of education with a major in psychology and counseling all from New Orleans Seminary. He serves on New Orleans' supplementary faculty.

He works part time as pastoral counselor for the Weems Community Mental Health Clinic in Meridian and is a member of several counseling and clinical pastoral associations.

With societal stresses on marriage and the family increasing apparently daily, the Baptist Record publishes this series with the hope that it will help to relieve some of that stress.

By R. Jack Follis

A common complaint of troubled marriages is "no sharing." These words mean that when one mate tries to communicate with the other, his message is either misunderstood, ignored or rejected. This brings on the fight! The result of constant arguing, fussing, and fighting is an unhappy and unfulfilling marital relationship.

Several dominant characteristics may be present when the home atmosphere is tinged with hostility, anger, and destructive communication.

First, one or both of the mates are self-centered. Each one is primarily concerned about his own wants and needs. He insists on having his own way in every situation. He does not allow his mate to share herself with him. Thus, the give and take which is essential for a maturing marriage is absent. Self-centeredness prevents maturity.

Second, indifference is present. One spouse has a cold attitude towards the other's feelings, needs, and wishes. Rejection is felt. He will feel he is trying to communicate with a brick wall. Indifference stifles the growing marriage.

Third, inexperience causes marital problems. One mate may not know how to share herself in a positive and meaningful way. A girl raised in a home without a significant male influence may not have learned how men think, feel, and view their world. Conversely, a husband may have no conception of the emotional forces which control his wife's mood swings. Inexperience blocks meaningful encounters between the mates.

Finally, avoidance maneuvers arise. The couple actually maneuvers to avoid each other. Unresolved arguments and continual distrust by one mate begins the separation process. The couple may live in the same house, eat the same food, sleep in the same bed and be emotionally separated. Avoidance maneuvers destroy the relationship.

Our Savior who instituted and ordained the marital relationship did not intend for these negative and destruc-

tive feelings and attitudes to dominate our lives. So He has infused us with this spirit.

Through His Holy Spirit, we have the power to counteract our own and our mate's self-centeredness with openness and sharing. He helps us respond to indifference with acceptance and He guides us to understanding when faced with inexperience.

When these Christian principles are practiced in the home, the atmosphere will have a dominant tone of warmth, care, concern and love.

A declaration of trust and faith in another is essential in every long-standing relationship. Marriage in our culture begins with this assertion.

Each person vows to "forsake all others" and put his faith in his mate. It is an act of trust based on the assumption that the prospective mate is trustworthy.

Yet, before long most marriages have their trust tested. Infidelity, which seems to be a common experience in our society, sorely tests many marriages.

When a husband commits an unfaithful sexual act with another woman, he breaks the trust bond and becomes untrustworthy. This in turn causes his wife to withhold her trust in him. She will never be sure of his intentions when he leaves the house, nor will she be certain that she is loved. She may become anxious and suspicious. Her attitude toward her husband, marriage, and life will be drastically altered. She is afraid to trust again. Unless there is a radical change in the husband, accompanied by years of fidelity, the trust covenant will never be restored.

Another, more subtle, but just as destructive, situation arises when a wife does not trust her husband to provide the security she needs. Although he is trustworthy and faithful, she is unable to trust his abilities and his personhood.

Consequently, she relates to him in such a way that he is kept continuously off balance. At times she is loving and concerned, but when the real issues of life arise she mistrusts him.

When he needs trust and comfort she gives him harassment and uncertainty. When he needs support and encouragement she questions his ability and attacks his manhood.

Soon this attitude causes him to be uncertain and unsure of himself. He will give up hope of ever being able to meet her needs. Unless the wife has a change of heart and becomes trusting, it will most certainly affect every area of his life.

While these two areas of mistrust may arise in the Christian's marriage, he has a definite advantage in coping with them. Relationship with Christ adds a new dimension.

Christian life also begins with a declaration of trust and faith. The individual trusts himself to God. In turn God fills him with His Spirit and helps him to learn of God's trustworthiness. Every time he extends himself to God, he finds Him to be steadfast and faithful.

By continually experiencing God's steadfastness, he slowly learns to become both a trusting and a trustworthy person. Inevitably, this attitude will become operable in his marriage.

The wife soon learns that while her husband may be untrustworthy, God is not. She can rely upon her relationship with God to help her avoid the kind of suspiciousness that may permeate her life. Since she is experiencing trust she can continue to give discerning trust to her husband.

The husband learns that while his wife may be untrusting, he is learning from God to be trustworthy. His relationship with God will help him to remain certain and sure of himself.

He will not give up hope, but will continue to be the kind of person that lives out the trustworthiness that he is receiving from God.

God's Spirit is deeply involved in our marriages. He has made it possible for us to experience genuine and unlimited trust in Jesus. Now we know what trust means and we can strive to be both trusting and trustworthy with our mates.

## Music Leaders' Conference

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Instruction in music theory, literature for youth and adults; and music reading sessions.

Further information about the conference may be obtained from the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Reservations for the conference should be mailed directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

constituency.

"This means," Leonard quoted historian Sydney E. Mead, "that whatever else top denominational leaders may be they must be deonominal political players."

(James Lee Young is editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist and served as press representative for this annual meeting.)

## BWA Plans Varied Program

TORONTO, Canada — The 75th Anniversary Congress of the Baptist World Alliance here, July 8-13, will open with an historical pageant and close with a challenge by evangelist Billy Graham. The program theme will be "Celebrating Christ's Presence Through the Spirit," based on John 16:13.

Warren R. Magnuson, program committee chairman, says each day's program will begin with prayer and Bible study. Group prayer sessions will be held at 8:15 in several downtown hotels where delegates will be staying. Then plenary sessions at Maple Leaf Gardens will begin with Bible study with printed helps available.

Bible teachers will include: Noel Vose, president, Baptist Theological College, Bentley, West Australia; Lien Hwa Chow, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Taipei, Taiwan; S. T. Ola Akande, General secretary, Nigerian Baptist Convention; and David Gomes, founder and director, Bible School of the Air, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A World Fellowship Celebration will be held in the afternoon of July 9 in the beautifully landscaped Canadian National Exhibition Grounds beside Lake Ontario.

All evening sessions will be inspirational and informative in nature, beginning with the historical pageant. Speakers for the other evenings will include Nilson Fanini of Brazil, Edwin L. Lopez of the Philippines, and William A. Jones of the United States. Before Billy Graham speaks on Saturday evening the colorful Roll Call of the Nations will be staged. —(EBPS)



## Blue Mountain Names Kirkpatrick Alumnae Of Year

The Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association has named Mary Frank Kirkpatrick (center) as its 1980 Alumnae of the Year. Miss Kirkpatrick, a missionary in Monrovia, Liberia with the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, was presented the resolution by Alumnae President Katherine Beaty, left, of Jackson and BMC President Harold Fisher.

Haifa, Israel — Seventeen students here are enrolled in courses offered through the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Nashville-based department provides the textbooks which were translated into Arabic at the Baptist seminary in Beirut. The students, lay men and women from Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic churches as well as Baptist churches, are studying pastoral counseling, New Testament, evangelism, and church history.



## RA Camp Will Open In Less Than A Month

With the first week of Royal Ambassador Camp less than a month away, churches, as well as individual boys, are encouraged to send in their registration.

Eight hundred and eighty boys enjoyed Bible study, inspirational camp fires and meeting "real live" missionaries last summer.

Royal Ambassador Camp at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, located near Kosciusko, also offers an outstanding recreational program that includes:

## Brotherhood Admonishes RA, Scout Merger Leaders

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The Baptist Men's division is a first step in involving more men in missions. Smith said he hopes to have at least one million Southern Baptist men involved in missions during the next decade. Current enrollment is less than 250,000.

In another major change, the trustees created the position of associate executive director and named Norman Godfrey, director of the former ministries section, to fill it.

Upon Smith's recommendation, the trustees elected David Haney, director of the lay renewal department of the commission for six years, as the director of the Baptist Men's division, and Bob Banks, director of the former program section, as director of the Royal Ambassador division.

Other divisions of the agency are business, directed by Miss Lynette Oliver, and communications, directed by Roy Jennings. Both headed the previous business and communications sections. The realignment also set up an administrative unit, which will carry the same weight as a division but will focus on administrative matters related to the work of the executive director and associate executive director.

The new budget, almost 12 percent higher than the present one, calls for business to spend \$1,071,945; administration, \$628,405; communications, \$320,245; Royal Ambassador, \$236,754; and Baptist Men, \$211,615.

To prepare for the anniversary celebration of men's and boys' work, the trustees authorized the appointment of a special anniversary committee of trustees, agency staff and state Baptist Brotherhood leaders and

asked for a report in six months.

Oral instructions to the committee include a request to focus on activities which would bring one million men and boys together during the celebration.

At the request of a Royal Ambassador committee, the trustees reaffirmed a 1975 position which asked the national office of Boy Scouts of America to discontinue promoting a proposal to combine the two programs in Southern Baptist churches.

Trustees also asked their executive director to communicate their concern to Boy Scout leaders "about the continuing use of copyrighted Royal Ambassador material and programs" without the consent of the agency.

State Baptist Brotherhood leaders contended the unauthorized materials were being distributed in North Carolina, Florida, Texas and Kentucky.

The commission currently provides missions education material to almost 250,000 boys in 12,000 Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States.

"I am stunned and shocked that an issue almost five years old would be revived at this time," H. M. "Smoky" Eggers told Baptist Press. Eggers directs Baptist relationship for the Boy Scouts of America and is executive director of the Association of Baptists for Scouting.

Eggers, a Southern Baptist layman from Irving, Texas, said there were incidents in Texas about five years ago in which unofficial literature and an unofficial experiment advocated a merger of Scouts and RAs.

"But we disowned that sort of activity," Eggers said. "If the Brotherhood Commission has any evidence of such unofficial activity anywhere, I wish they would let me or our national chairman, Albert S. Lineberry Sr., of Greensboro, N.C., know about it."

"With all the negative hands reaching out to our youth in these troubled days, it would behoove us as Christian youth leaders to use every positive means to reach, win and hold youth for Christ," Eggers said.

"We believe a church can have both Scouts and RAs separately," he said, noting that 2,006 churches have both.

"If a church cannot have both, however, it ought to have Royal Ambassadors first," said Eggers, a former RA.

Agency participation in a center for urban studies with 10 other Southern Baptist organizations was okayed. They are the Woman's Missionary Union, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, and the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

The new center for urban studies will permit agencies access to research and consultation on a common problem—how to communicate the gospel and involve persons effectively in missions in an urban setting.

## Refugees

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characteristics for most sponsors but it was necessary to move them within a two or three day period. The Home Mission Board needs people who would be willing to sponsor cases like this.

The Cuban flight to the United States will surface many sponsorship needs. Within the next few days or weeks these people will probably be in the resettlement processing system. At that time, they will be needing sponsors. Many Baptist churches and individuals could assist in this.

Cuban refugees are being screened by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and other government agencies. There will be little danger of hardened criminals or political agents slipping through. Cases coming available for sponsorship will have been screened as desirable persons.

If you are interested in sponsoring refugees from Cuba, Southeast Asia, or other areas of the world, contact Richard Alford, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Speakers Cite Inerrancy

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Controversy is nothing new to Southern Baptists, as various other speakers in the history meeting emphasized.

W. Morgan Patterson, academic dean and church history professor from Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., discussed two different kinds of controversialists in his text.

The two were from different eras of Southern Baptist life, J. R. Graves, back in the mid-to-late 1800s, and E. Y. Mullins, the late president of Southern Seminary, who is seen by Baptist historians, generally, as a successful, quiet, mediator during the evolution controversy of the 1920s.

Graves, who edited The Tennessee Baptist, sought controversy, perhaps as a means of purifying and informing on doctrine, Patterson observed.

Among Southern Baptists in the 1920s, Patterson noted, there "was really no modernist threat or controversy such as plagued other denominations." In fact, he added, "liberal ideas and advocates were virtually not to be found in the Southern Baptist camp." He chose the terms, "anti-evolutionists" and "moderates" in referring to the camps of that time.

Another speaker observed that although Baptists are not a creedal people, a theological census does exist among them.

Baptist theologian Fisher Humphreys noted that the consensus includes beliefs about God which Baptists share with all Christians, beliefs about salvation which Baptists share with Protestants, and beliefs about religious and church life which Baptists share with other Christians who have been influenced by revivalism.

Humphreys, theology professor at New Orleans Seminary, said in an interview following his address that Southern Baptist theology is practical, indirect, and imperfect.

He noted that although Southern Baptist theology has had a separate agenda from the theology of other denominations, a "percolation effect" leads Baptists to be influenced by the theology of others.

Walter Shurden, dean of the School of Theology at Southern and a Baptist historian, cited the re-emergence of the Southern Baptist pastor as the de-

nominal theologian, replacing the "teaching-theologian" (seminary professor).

Doctrinal, social, and ecclesiastical developments in recent years have caused Southern Baptists to "revere the voices of the pastors of large pulpits," Shurden said.

He pointed out that the pastors were the theologians before the seminaries were established. With the beginning of theological education the seminary professors became the theologians who had the greatest impact on the churches for 100 years. This era was from 1860 until 1960.

As well-educated pastors have begun to be heard, the shift to the pastor theologian has taken place. He mentioned Herschell Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, as being most responsible for the shift, to a large degree because of his leadership in formulating the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message in 1963. Hobbs, the pastor, replaced E. Y. Mullins, the educator, as the convention's foremost theologian, he declared.

Shurden mentioned Mississippi Pastor John Claypool as having more influence on theological concepts in the 1960s than any professor. Claypool is pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson.

Bill J. Leonard, church history professor at Southern, said there is a "clear indication that denominational leaders can exercise theological influence upon the (Southern Baptist) convention."

But that influence is more likely to occur when "it reflects certain aspects of accepted or developing denominational consciousness."

The denominational leader who wants to have a direct or even indirect impact on the theology of a developing denomination must appeal to those "qualities, tenets, and doctrines which are characteristically denominational in nature."

The "voluntary principle" of church membership, promotes Christianity as an "activity of movement" pursued by a particular group, Leonard said.

"It requires a theology broad enough to avoid divisive controversies" and suggests that denominational leaders have power, "... by persuasion and popular appeal to the

## Leadership Diplomas Are Awarded

The following persons have earned the Leadership Diploma as listed, during the quarter, January-March, 1980:

Sunday School Leadership - General Officers:

Wayne Edwards, First, Eupora; T. O. Winstead, Calvary, Jackson; Bruce Harris, First, Clinton; L. L. Magers, Wade Baptist, Pascagoula; David B. Ingram, Highland Baptist, Meridian; Richard Clement, West Jackson St., Tupelo.

Sunday School Leadership - Youth: Mrs. Barbara Parks, First, Clinton; Bill Fullilove, Ridgeland Baptist, Ridgeland; Mrs. Louise Rea, West Jackson St., Tupelo.

Sunday School Leadership - Adults:

Mrs. John Stoner, First, Eudora; Fred Gordon, First, Clinton; Mrs. Martha Shepherd, First, Clinton; Larry Bouchillon, Arden Burnett, Mrs. Estelle Hines, Sally Huffman, James L. Pettit, Joan Phillips, Sue A. Richardson, Allie Stout, all of Ridgeland, Ridgeland; Mrs. Marlene Chunn, Richard Clement, Marcus,

Timms, all of West Jackson St., Tupelo; and Paul Wilson, Central, Brookhaven.

Sunday School Leadership - Children's: Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Winstead, of Calvary, Jackson; Mrs. Susan Bryant, Mrs. Fleta Collins, Mrs. Fran Fleming, Mrs. Dixie Martin, all of First, Clinton; Teresa Cosby, Ridgeland, Ridgeland; Mrs. Betty Feese, Mrs. Lela McGill, Mrs. Polly Robinson, Mrs. Gwen Stevenson, Mrs. Jean Willoughby, all of Sunshine, Jackson.

Sunday School Leadership - Preschool: Martha Bouchillon, and Ben Waltman, from Ridgeland, Ridgeland; and Mrs. Jean Willoughby, Sunshine, Jackson.

Sunday School Leadership - Association: Mary E. Chancellor, Van Winkle, Jackson.

Church Music - Adult leaders: Mary E. Chancellor, Van Winkle, Jackson. Church Music - Children's Leaders: Mary E. Chancellor, Van Winkle, Jackson.

Church Music - Preschool Leaders:

Mary E. Chancellor, Van Winkle, Jackson.

Media Services: Mrs. R. T. Alliston, Mrs. Robert L. Flowers, and Mrs. Joe G. Turner, all of Alta Woods, Jackson.

Church Recreation - Leadership: Jimmie L. Smith and Geanie Smith, Alta Woods, Jackson; Glenn Shows, First, Clinton; Bruce Fields, First, Canton; Henry A. Smith, III, Woodville Heights, Jackson; Paul T. Lea, Calvary, Tupelo; John L. Rainey, First, Tupelo; David K. Smith, Harrisburg, Tupelo; Don Lum, First, Columbia; David L. Turner, First, Holly Springs; Gary L. Baxter, First, Vicksburg; David C. Rogers, First, Greenville; David W. Lature, First, Yazoo City.

Woman's Missionary Union Leadership - Baptist Women: Opal Germany, First, Jackson.

WMU Officers: Mrs. Sara Escue, Calvary, Tupelo; Mary Jo Leve, Calvary, Tupelo; Beatrice McGregor, Priceville, Tupelo.

Acteams: Mrs. Sara Escue, Calvary, Tupelo.



# SCRAPBOOK

## A WHITE ROSE

Today I picked a white rose from my garden fair;  
The fragrance of that lovely flower just seemed to fill the air.

Dew drops sparkled on the petals in the sun rays from the sky,  
So much like the tear drops that kept coming to my eye.

Today for the first time, I pinned a white rose on my coat;  
As I touched its velvet softness, a lump came to my throat.

My thoughts raced back to childhood around my mama's knee,  
Her gentle touch and soft sweet voice as she held me tenderly.

That white rose will remind me as the race of life I run,  
Of kind words left unspoken, and good deeds never done.

It made me think of Mama, and happy days I've known,  
Though she's no longer with me, her memory lingers on.

This white rose will take the place of the red one I wore so long,  
But nothing can take the place of Mama, and it hurts to know she's gone.

Some day I'll walk beside her on heaven's golden shore,  
Where red roses will be blooming, and death will no more.

Johnny Parks,  
Pastor, Second, Kosciusko

## God's Finest Work Of Art

With God's own hands he took the clay,  
And molded man in a special way.

But truly God's finest work of art  
Was the making of my mother's heart.

He made her kind, sincere, and sweet,  
He filled her with love from head to feet.

He gave her tears to shed for me  
When I lost a love, or skinned a knee.

He filled her with pride, this I know,  
For each time I did well set her aglow.

He added a touch of understanding,  
When I had a problem, she was my landing.

I remember the time that I sat on the bed  
And confessed my heartaches as my heart bled.

She stayed calm and strong and true  
She became my idol, as some mothers do.

I remember the time I got the pretty new shoes  
She missed the party without having the blues.

And there was the time I won a great prize  
And God's own stars shone in her eyes.

She was, and is as pretty as can be,  
Often it was her my friends came to see.

Our home was common, no castle with a dome  
But to my friends she made it home away from home.

As I look back over the years that have passed  
I see a relationship that God built to last.

And now that I'm older and out on my own  
My respect, love and need for her have only grown.

—Vicki Sunrall Johnson

## Love Heaven Sent

Dear Sir:

Last fall my sister Ava Rosenberg of Arlington,  
Va., wrote a poem after a visit to Mississippi, when

our mother died. We are from the North (mostly,  
have moved around a lot.) My sister is Jewish; our

mother was Catholic, and my father is Jewish. I am  
now a Baptist and married to Dwight Anderson of

Mt. Pleasant, Miss. We are members of the Slayden  
Baptist Church.

Our mother had a heart attack and died in Rhode

Island; her body was flown down here to Mississippi  
and she is buried at Carey Chapel Baptist Church

Cemetery (where our home church was). Everyone  
has always been very kind to the members of my

family in Mississippi.

The poem is a reflection of the love that was  
shown to Ava in the Mt. Pleasant-Slayden commu-

ity.

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## Pastor's Pals At Temple

The children, grades 3-6, of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg have recently completed a ten week Pastor's PAL Club. During this period of time the children were encouraged to be patient, attentive listeners in worship. The children took notes in each morning worship service over the ten week period of time. Julie Waller, a ventriloquist from William Carey College, brought a children's message seven of the weeks of the Pastor's PAL Club. The pastor, Harry L. Lucenay, participated in a PAL Olympics and held a special banquet for the participants.

Forty-eight children turned in PAL Club books at the conclusion of the program. Outstanding books were turned in by: (Left to Right) Scott McNeill-3rd grade, Cathy Craft-4th grade, Melissa Loustalot-Overall Female, Kelli Cartee-5th grade, Scott Jacobs-Overall Male, and Stephanie Cummings-6th grade.

## Flag Dedicated FMB Helps To Buy Food For Cubans In Peru

On Saturday, April 19 Clarke College President A. C. Johnson led a large group of students, faculty and guests in a formal dedication ceremony for the new flag and flagpole at Clarke.

The flagpole, located in the center of the "circle," was bought from money raised by the Clarke Student Body Association. Several civic organizations also made contributions.

The United States flag was provided by Sonny Montgomery and was flown over the nation's capitol for Clarke College on March 17. Also dedicated was a new Christian flag.

Participating in dedication ceremonies were Cindy Cooper, SBA President, Elaine Jones, soloist, and Barry Pounds.

LIMA, Peru (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries and Peruvian Baptists are using \$10,000 in hunger relief money from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to distribute food to a wave of Cuban refugees who are arriving in Peru to resettle.

Refugees were allowed to leave Cuba after some Cubans went to the Peruvian Embassy in Havana to seek political asylum. On learning of the desire of Cubans to come to Peru, missionaries requested hunger relief funds from the Foreign Mission Board to begin relief efforts.

Food is an immediate need of most refugees who had to leave everything they had in Cuba, according to J. Bryan Brasington, Foreign Mission Board secretary for eastern South America. He said that missionaries and national Baptist workers have been given passes to go into the refugee areas.

Besides hunger relief efforts, Baptist relief workers are giving refugees packets of Christian materials. Each packet contains a New Testament, a set of tracts, and a letter telling about Peru and introducing Baptists. The letter includes names and addresses of people in Baptist churches for refugees to contact if they need assistance.

Southern Baptist missionaries most directly involved are Rodolph Dixon, chairman of the Peru Baptist Mission, and Steve Dittmore, area missionary from Lima.

Men resemble the gods in nothing so much as in doing good to their fellow creatures. — Cicero

## OLD BIBLES REBOUND

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## Missionary News . . .

David and Linda Fennell, missionaries to Malaysia-Singapore, have completed language study and arrived on the field (address: 19-B Goldhill Plaza, Newton & Thomson Rds., Singapore 1130). Born in Lexington, Ky., he also lived in Dallas, Texas; Jackson and Tupelo, Miss., while growing up. She is the former Linda Lipscomb of Jackson.

A. L. Lowe, father of Mrs. James D. Watts, missionary to Italy, died April 8 in Pascagoula, Miss. Mrs. Watts may be addressed at Via Susini 6, 50125 Florence, Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Watts, native Mississippians, both grew up in Pascagoula. He was born in Philipp, and she, the former Charlotte Lowe, was born in Carthage.

Edith Frederick, daughter of Wayne and Florence Frederick, missionaries to the French West Indies, married Michael Johnson on April 5 in Nettleton, Miss. Currently in the States on furlough, her parents may be addressed at 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216.

David and Lynda Daniels, missionaries to Uruguay, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100 SN Fco 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). Both were born in Miami, Fla., but he also lived in Pelahatchie, Miss.

James and Linda Barron, missionaries to Ghana, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 310 Newport News Ave., Hampton, Va. 23660). He was born in Huntsville, Ala., and grew up near Clarksville, Miss. The former Linda Riersson, she was born in Greensboro, N. C.

Janet Shoemaker, granddaughter of Southern Baptist missionaries Howard and Dorothy Shoemaker of the Dominican Republic, was killed April 28 by a car in her driveway. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shoemaker, the child would have been 2 years old next month. The younger Shoemaker is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Midland, Texas. He and his wife have one other child, Daniel, age 7. Funeral services were held April 28 with burial in Midland.

Mrs. Syble W. Phlegar, mother of Donald V. Phlegar, missionary to Thailand, died April 22 in Portsmouth, Va. Missionary Phlegar may be addressed at P. O. Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand, a Virginian, he was born in Roanoke and grew up in Portsmouth. His wife is the former Barbara Ann Carley of Yazoo City, Miss.

Harold and Joyce Watson, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Jim Watson, P. O. Box 1851, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Miss. 39762). He is a native of Brooklyn, Miss. She was born in Dallas.

Jonathan and LeHoma Singleton, missionaries to the Windward Islands, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Box 174, G.P.O., Roseau, Dominica). He is a native of Belzoni, Miss. She was born near California, Mo.

Phillip and Elayne Palmer, Baptist representatives to Gaza, are in language school in Israel (address: P. O. Box 149, Beit Jala, via Israel). He was born in Waco, Texas, and also lived in Arnoldsville, Ga.; Gulfport, Miss.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Marietta, Ga.; Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; and Forest Park, Ga. She is from Fort Worth, Tex.

You deny Christ when you fail to deny yourself for Christ. — Guille

## For High School Students

## Insurance Company Sponsors Essay Contest On Abstinence

Preferred Risk Insurance Companies is sponsoring another abstinence essay contest for high school students, grades 9-12. First place award in the contest will be \$1,000; 2nd place, \$750; 3rd place, \$500; 4th place, \$250; with 10 honorable mention awards of \$100 each.

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## "The Little Dummies" Win In Missions Madness Melee

A veteran youth worker once observed, "If you want young people to come to a meeting, provide generous quantities of food, fun, and fellowship." All of that plus Christian entertainment was available in ample supply at the first "Missions Madness" held on March 22.

The day of team competition in unusual and outlandish games was cosponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University and the Golden Triangle Baptist Association — Lowndes, Clay, and Oktibbeha counties.

The event, which served as the tri-county Baptist Youth Rally this year, also introduced high school students from area churches to the BSU and its summer missions program.

Some ninety college students led in the day's activities for the 160 youths and their adult sponsors. The 15 teams came from 12 area churches.

Lowndes association was represented by teams from East End, Fairview, Friendship, Mt. Vernon, and Mt. Zion. Churches from Clay county which brought teams were First Baptist, Siloam, Trinity, and First Christian. Oktibbeha county teams were from Bethesda, Center Grove, and Faith.

The young people competed in 10 games such as "The Bunny Hop," "Obstacle Course," "Frisbee Golf," and "Fruit Scoot." The day was closed with a rally and Christian concert featuring the three BSU performing groups: "The Fishermen," "Acts Too," and "Drawn Together."

Trophies were presented to the winning teams. First place winner was "The Little Dummies" from East End



Bill Bustin, leader of the winning team, discusses strategy with his team from East End Baptist Church during a break. Bustin will be a BSU student missionary in West Virginia this summer.

Baptist, Columbus, with Bill Bustin as the BSU team leader. Second place went to "Us" from Fairview Baptist, Columbus, and third place went to "The Kenya Krush" from Mt. Zion, Columbus.

The Spirit Award was presented to "The Friendship Freedom Train" from Friendship Church, Columbus. The event was organized by the Missions Committee of Baptist Student Union with Becky Ratliff as chairman. J. C. Mitchell, director of missions, aided in planning and promotion with assistance from J. E. Sims, Jr. (Lowndes), William E. Taylor (Clay), and John Hardy (Oktibbeha).

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# Crossgates Couple: Teachers, Friends, And 'Parents' To Singles Group

By Anne McWilliams  
(This is the fifth in a series of five articles on singles ministries in Jackson area churches. The five churches were interviewed for an article in Christian Single magazine.)  
Single adults of Crossgates Church near Brandon have distributed more than 2,000 handbill announcing their Single Adult Bible Study for men and women, ages 29 plus, that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the church's Family Life Center on second floor.  
At the six-year-old, 660-member church (which also has a college and career department), the single adults' class, a fairly new venture, now has 20 on roll.  
While Lurline McGraw was the first teacher, only women were attending the class. When Octavia Humphrey heard in 1978 that a couple was being sought to teach the class, she thought, "Maybe that is the answer to our prayer for a place of service." Her husband, Earl, state sales manager for International Harvester, agreed.  
At first they asked a single man, a friend of theirs, to transfer to the class. He did. Later other men also began attending.  
The Humphreys began inviting the class to meet at their house at 58 Terrapin Place, at least once a month at night. Soon members felt free to drop

in at any time, as a part of the Humphreys' "family."  
Octavia says, "When Earl and I first met, I was a widow and he had been divorced. I remember well how lonely I was during the four years I lived alone. I think our class members sensed that we could understand their problems and triumphs. I was from Tennessee and Earl from Maine. Though our paths crossed just once, that was enough for the Lord to get us together."  
When they first moved to Crossgates, their house was the church office, and Octavia helped to get out the church bulletins (she was formerly a secretary, but does not work now.)  
In a real sense, members of the single adults' class are like one family. They sit together at Family Night Suppers. Earl likes to surprise class members often with unexpected phone calls — "just to let them know I'm thinking of them with love." Octavia offers her car for use whenever it's needed.  
"At one time or another we have acted as psychiatrist, psychologist, friends, or parents," he said. (After two couples in the class got married, the Humphreys were accused of running a matrimonial bureau.)  
"We celebrate with them as well as offer condolences," Octavia said.

"Why can't we have a lock-in, like the younger singles?" one asked. So they planned a lock-in, with Friday night and Saturday morning study of Growing in Wholeness. Last summer they went camping at state parks. Monthly theme parties are held at members' homes. A group attended the Deep South Singles Conference in New Orleans May 1-3.  
At Christmas the class wanted to do something for someone else, so they gave money to a woman whose house had been burglarized and then her purse stolen. The woman, who has a son to support, said in her letter of thanks that the gift was like a gift from heaven.  
Octavia encourages the class members to be active in the life of the church as a whole, to serve wherever needed. A Valentine party served two purposes — to let the single adults meet other church groups, and to let church leaders get to know the single adults. She invited a cross section of church leaders, such as the Sunday School director, department director, deacons, pastor, and others.  
She said, "We need more conferences for leaders of single adults in different churches, so we could get together and compare notes."  
He added, "Some have a derogatory attitude when they need to have a compassionate one. Some take the attitude, 'I don't want that good-looking widow or divorcee in our group. She might take my husband.' But the woman or man who is left, and did not want a divorce, but must support the children alone, while perhaps the other has remarried — that one is facing rejection and needs love, not criticism."  
On the handbills distributed throughout Crossgates, Octavia wrote:  
I'm single Lord,  
and I need a friend.  
You have promised us love  
Unceasing, without end.  
Please lead me to those who really care  
Someone I can count on to be there  
I trust you will lead me in finding others  
Who can share with me as sisters and brothers.

## Mothers Of The Bible

1. Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible? (Genesis 4:1,2)
  2. Looking back was her greatest fault. They say she turned to a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:26; Luke 17:32-33)
  3. Mother of Isaac (Genesis 21:3)
  4. Mother of twin sons, Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:28)
  5. At Benjamin's birth she was laid to rest — the wife Jacob loved the best (Gen. 35:18,19)
  6. Mother of Moses (Numbers 26:59)
  7. Known as the mother of Israel (Judges 5:7)
  8. Most wicked woman in the Bible (I Kings 21:23; II Kings 9:30-35)
  9. Mother of Obed and great-grandmother of David (Matt. 1:5; Ruth 4:17)
  10. Mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12)
  11. Mother of James and John (Mark 16:1)
  12. Mother of the strongest man (Genesis 14:5)
  13. Mother of Samuel (I Samuel 1:20)
  14. Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)
  15. Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior (Matt. 27:56; Matt. 1:18; Luke 2:16; Luke 1:26-27)
  16. Description of the perfect wife and mother (Proverbs 31:10-31)
- Mrs. W. J. Hamilton  
Gulfport

## Flood Sends Missionaries To Hotel

AZUL, Argentina (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries Robert and Annette Crockett were forced to evacuate their home in Azul, Argentina, because of flooding, but the family is safe in a hotel.  
Seventy percent of Azul is under water, according to Southern Baptist missionary press representative Frances Roberts. Azul is located in the central area of the Buenos Aires province. A number of Baptist churches are located in the affected area.  
The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has designated \$5,000 in general relief funds and another \$5,000 for hunger relief. The money will be used to provide food assistance, blankets, and temporary shelter for flood victims.  
The flooding forced the Argentine Baptist Convention to change its annual meeting, scheduled for May 1-3, from Azul to Buenos Aires.

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## James Robison Will Hold 1981 Crusade In Jackson

A kick-off banquet for the Central Mississippi James Robison Crusade is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at the Ramada Inn in Jackson at 7 p.m. Evangelist James Robison and members of his crusade team will be present for the meeting.  
Robison has accepted the invitation of area pastors and laymen to conduct a six-night crusade at the Jackson Coliseum, March 22-27 of next year. The banquet will provide an opportunity for area residents to hear Robison and discuss preparations for the crusade.  
Robison has spoken to more than ten million people in person in the past 18

years of ministry. During that time over half a million people have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during citywide crusades and rallies.  
His weekly television program, "James Robison, A Man With A Message," is syndicated nationally on nearly 100 stations. The program is aired locally on WJTV-TV, Channel 12 at 7 a.m. each Sunday. He is the author of over a dozen books, including one recently published by Tyndale House, entitled, "Save America: to Save the World."  
Tickets for the banquet are available in local churches or by calling 372-1594.

## Britt Ryals, Deacon, Dies

Britt Ryals, deacon at Goss Church since 1968, died March 6.  
Ryals had served his country in the U.S. Army; he served his community with deeds of kindness to those in need; he served his church as director of Sunday School for the past several years, as well as being a deacon, Ryals married the former Jessie Mae Moulds June 20, 1936, and this June would have been their 44th anniversary.  
He served Marion Association as a

member of the Executive Committee and was also the church's representative for the Society Hill Cemetery.  
A few years ago he retired as a road grader operator for the county.  
He had 13 years perfect attendance in Sunday School at the time of his death. For the past year he had served as church custodian.  
In summary of his life one church member remarked, "If there was ever a Christian man in Goss, Britt was that man."

## Revival Dates

**Simmons Memorial Church, Flora:** May 11-16; John Hilbun, pastor  
**McDowell Church, Jackson:** evangelist; Ruth Ann Williams, Clinton, music evangelist; Ken Roberts, minister of music, Galloway Methodist Church, Jackson, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; Ralph Lee, pastor.  
**Ted Church (Smith):** May 18-23; services on Sunday morning and afternoon of the 18th, with dinner at the church; services nightly, Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Billy Greene, Prentiss, evangelist; Joe Watson, Laurel, singer; John E. Barrow, pastor.  
**West Side, Macon (Noxubee):** May 11-17; Ray Hill, pastor of Mt. Zion, Columbus, evangelist; Mark Gibson, Clarke College, minister of music, leading the music; Lynn Moore, Macon, pianist; Sunday at 11 a.m.; and Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30; Mike Duff, pastor.

**Walnut Grove Church (Leake) County:** May 18-23; Sam Self of LaGrange, Georgia, evangelist; Gary Nichols of Tuscaloosa, Ala., leading the music; services nightly at 7; Jerry Kennedy, pastor.  
**Ruschlikon, Switzerland** — More than half of the students enrolled at the Baptist Theological Seminary here were involved in nine field trips to churches in Switzerland and Germany this academic year, says Wayne Pipkin, associate professor of church history and director of field work.  
Visiting teams have been composed usually of eight to eleven persons, including students from various countries and a faculty member, sometimes accompanied by his whole family. Students prepared programs of music, testimony, and preaching for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. A highlight of the weekend trips was staying in some homes of the host church.

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**Sterling, Va. (EP)** — The excommunication of Sonia Johnson, feminist leader and founder of Mormons for ERA, by her bishop here last year has been upheld by a local stake (diocesan) appeal panel.

## Names In The News...

**Murray R. Hux, Route 2, Collins,** will undergo heart surgery on May 9, for three by-passes. Hux has been pastor of Coyt Church in Wayne County for 12 years.  
**Thomas Starkes** was evangelist for the Family Life Revival held at Commission Road Church, Long Beach, May 4-7. Starkes, who is professor of Christian Missions and World Missions at New Orleans Seminary, previously worked with the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. At Commission Road he was available for personal and/or family counseling prior to the revival services. David H. Lee is the pastor.

**The music ministry of First Church, Greenville,** presented Kathy Forbus Pigott in an organ recital, Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of First Church. Mrs. Pigott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Forbus of Greenville. She is a candidate for the Master of Music Education Degree from Delta State University with a major in keyboard.  
Her musical background includes ten years of accompanying children's and youth choirs in her home church, where she is presently serving as assistant organist.

**Alan Celoria,** music evangelist with his home base in Jackson, will be presented in concert at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, on Tuesday evening, May 13, at 7 p.m.  
Celoria has served as minister of music and youth at First Church, Magnolia and minister of music and youth activities at Temple Church, Hattiesburg.  
In addition to the Mississippi churches, he has served churches in Florida and New Mexico, and has sung for numerous state conventions and conferences in these same states. He is a member of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Centurymen. He and his wife, the former Janice Jones, are the parents of four. Mrs. Jan King will be his accompanist.

One student from Mississippi was honored during Awards Day ceremonies April 24 at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Kaye George of Crystal Springs received the Wayne and Polly McNeely Piano Scholarship, which is presented yearly for outstanding achievement in the piano department at Southwestern.

## Baptist Missionaries Firm On Liberia Stay

**RICHMOND, Va. (BP)** — Southern Baptist missionaries still plan to stay in Liberia, said a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official the day after the United Methodist Church announced that its missionaries would leave.  
Although leaders of both churches were included in the deposed regime of William R. Tolbert Jr., a Baptist minister, the Methodist missionaries decided to evacuate after former vice president Bennie Warner, a Methodist bishop, announced that he would form a government-in-exile in Ivory Coast.

**Tolbert** was assassinated in a coup April 12.  
John E. Mills, the Baptist board's secretary for West Africa, said that those he talked with in Liberia the afternoon of April 30 did not say the U.S. Embassy had asked missionary wives and children to leave Liberia. Instead, they told him the embassy had suggested that anyone planning to take a leave of absence or furlough in the near future move up their departure date a few weeks.  
Southern Baptists have 45 missionaries in Liberia.

## Letter Reflects High Spirits

**EKU, Nigeria (BP)** — When Robert W. Sorrels, Mission Service Corps volunteer, noticed the small signs on Nigerian roads warning — "It's your neck. Nobody cares" — he didn't realize their significance.  
But days later he was joking about the signs in a lighthearted newsletter to his home church, Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist in Washington, D.C., after an automobile accident injured his neck and left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.  
Sorrels, 28, said he was "praising the Lord in all things" and told about his one week of adjustment to the hot, humid Nigerian climate before giving details of the accident.  
The crash killed Titus Oluwafemi, a Nigerian seminary professor about Sorrels' age, and William D. Bender, 55, Southern Baptist missionary in Ibadan. Bender, a 25-year-veteran of missions in Nigeria, was buried in Ogbomoso.  
Latest reports from Eku indicate that Sorrels has regained some feeling and movement in his arms and legs.

## Staff Changes

**A. R. Vaughn,** who just retired from the pastorate of Leaf River Baptist Church in Smith County, is available for pulpits.  
His address is Route 2, Box 243, Forest, Miss., 39074, telephone 536-2314.  
**Mrs. Sheila King** has resigned as church secretary at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. Her husband Keith has accepted a job in Gulfport.  
**Chesterville, Calvary,** Pontotoc County, has a new pastor — Edward Knox. Interim pastor, Dwain Ard, was presented a plaque of appreciation and honored with a supper at the church.

The new pastor and his family have moved into the parsonage.  
**Mike Duff** has accepted a call as pastor of West Side Church, Macon in Noxubee County. He is married to the former Terri Hill, daughter of Ray Hill, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Lowndes County, and Mrs. Hill. They are the parents of a 14-month old son, Chris.  
The Duffs, formerly of Columbus, are now living in Newton, where both are students at Clarke College.  
**Ron Langston** has resigned the pastorate of Hopewell Church, Franklin County, and has accepted a call to Bowman Church, Lake City, Ark. He and his wife Jan have moved to Lake City.

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## Just For The Record . . .



New Liberty Church, Calhoun County, will celebrate Sunday, May 11, the first anniversary in its new sanctuary, which was completed in May, 1979. By May 11 the church will only owe \$17,500 on the entire facility, which cost \$47,816.75. During the past year the church has acquired a new piano, organ, and 150 new hymnals, and has added sidewalks around the building. Clarence Cooper, Jr., pastor, states, "This has truly been a year filled with God's blessings."



Highland Chapel held a note burning ceremony the afternoon of March 30. The chapel, on Menge Avenue near I-10 in Harrison County, is a mission of Big Ridge Church, north of Biloxi. Left to right are charter members: Lisa Gay, Mrs. Lydia Holdeman, Hazel Holdeman, Mrs. Bertha Gay, and Richard Gay. The note burned was for money borrowed to secure a mobile chapel and three acres of land. The chapel is now free of debt. On the day of the note burning Robert Carlisle, pastor of Big Ridge, the mother church, brought a message on magnifying the church. Dinner was served on the grounds.

## Off The Record

A confused man was walking down a lonely country road one day dragging a long rope behind him.

Upon meeting a friend coming down the road, he replied, "I am so confused that I don't know whether I have found a rope or lost a mule."

School teachers sometimes read poems to school children and then let the pupils draw what they saw as they heard the poem.

One afternoon Miss Jones read the

poem, "Who Hath Seen the Wind?" whereupon Danny drew a picture of a man.

"Why, Danny, there's no man in the poem!"

"I know, Miss Jones, but that's neither I nor you."

The father of four cleared the room of toys and chuckled to the minister who was visiting. "Since I've been married, I've learned what Paul meant by saying, 'When I became a man, I put away childish things.'"



Front row, left to right: Rex Marshall, contractor; Mrs. Dale Bailey, Mrs. Roy Cole, Building Committee members; Stanton Howard, Committee chairman. Back row, left to right: Elgin West, former pastor; Marvin Bibb, Calhoun director of missions; Walter Mitchell, Building Committee Member; Robert Jackson, pastor. Not pictured: Belon Wood, Building Committee member.

## Derma Dedicates Debtfree Building

Dedication services were held April 20 for the new activities building of Derma Church. Special guests were members of the R. C. Stewart family; Rex Marshall, contractor; Elgin West, former pastor; and Marvin Bibb, Calhoun Association director of missions.

During the 10:45 a.m. service, members of the Building Committee were recognized; special music was presented by the Ladies Ensemble; and messages were brought by West, and Robert Jackson, pastor. Bibb led the dedicatory prayer, after which the congregation ate lunch at the church.

The new facility was constructed by M & N Builders, Inc., Vardaman, and contains in excess of 2000 square feet, including fully-equipped kitchen, serving bay, storage room, entrance hall, and game area and dining hall with a seating capacity of 200. Central heat and cooling is featured.

Total cost of the building and equipment was \$58,000 and was fully paid by contributions of the membership, and a gift from the estate of Mr. Stewart, deceased, former deacon and church clerk.

## 100-Year-Old Is Singing Witness

By Orville Scott

MINERAL WELLS, Texas (BP) — J. M. Denson has passed his 100th birthday, but he's still carrying out a Christian ministry on the telephone.

Denson has been a church member for 78 years. He stopped driving his car when he was 97, so he can't visit sick people regularly anymore, but he calls people on the telephone and sings to them on their birthdays.

"A lot of people turned it around on me when I had my 100th birthday," said Denson. "They called up and sang happy birthday to me."

His pastor, Bobby Moore, said "J. M. Denson is one of the greatest men I've ever known because his whole life has been characterized by the words of Jesus: 'He that would be great among you, let him be servant of all.'"

Among the spiritual highlights of his life, Denson recalls helping lead music in revivals conducted by such historical figures as George Truett, J. B. Gambrell, editor of the Baptist Standard in the early 1900s, and R. C. Buckner, founder of Buckner Baptist Benevolences of Texas. (Gambrell was the first editor of the Baptist Record.)

Denson says his favorite motto for life is, "I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do, let me do it now. For I shall not pass this way again."

## Devotional

## The Keys Of Life

By Wayne Long, Pastor  
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Matthew 16:19

On a Monday morning several years ago, I was scheduled to return to New Orleans Seminary to attend classes. Due to mechanical difficulties with my automobile I was forced to borrow my father's car to make the trip. Putting my luggage in the trunk I prepared to leave, making sure I had the key to the trunk as well as the ignition key. Feeling secure, I began the uneventful 300-mile trip to New Orleans.

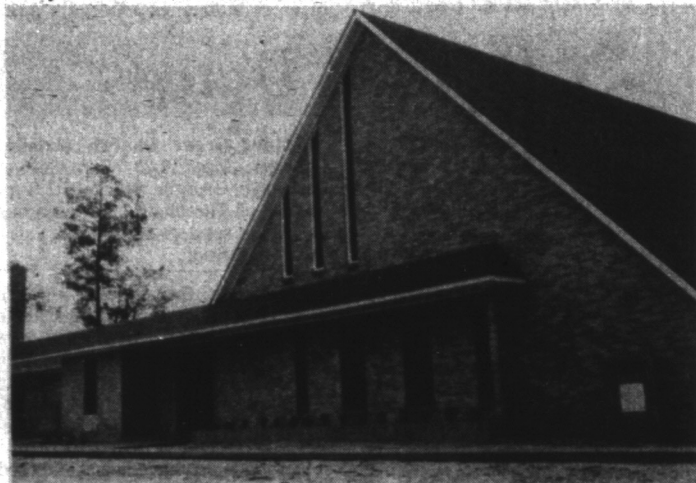
My problems began when I tried to leave New Orleans at the end of the week. I stopped at a service station and instructed the attendant to fill the car with gasoline. I can still hear his words as he said, "I'll need the key to the gas cap lock." In my rush I had failed to realize that I needed three keys, not just two. In failing to have all the necessary keys I was limited to my use of the automobile.

Isn't life a great deal like that? God asks that we surrender the key to each compartment of our lives. Often we only want to turn over part of the keys. My experience with my dad's car taught me several valuable spiritual lessons.

FIRST, partial surrender is EXTENSIVE. It is so common to see people making this mistake with their spiritual lives. It was so easy to forget that third key. It caused me absolutely no worry for the whole week I was without it. Are you guilty of lack of full surrender to God? Do you rest easy in spite of the fact that God doesn't possess you completely? If so, the day will come when trouble will result from your lack of surrender.

SECOND, partial surrender is EXPENSIVE. When I realized I had failed to receive the third key, I was forced to pay someone to destroy a perfectly good gas cap lock. When we fail to surrender all of our life to God, it gets very expensive. It is expensive to us as Christians and it is expensive for the kingdom of God.

THIRD, partial surrender is EXCLUSIVE. I learned from my experience that with partial surrender we are very limited in our performance. In the beginning I could go just as fast and just as far as I needed to go with only two keys. However, a time came when I could go no further and do no more without the third key. Often God wants to take us further in our Christian experience. He has new blessings and new opportunities for us. But He can take us no further until all the keys of our life are surrendered to Him. Don't hesitate! Surrender your all to God today!



## Pleasant Hill Dedicates Sanctuary

Pleasant Hill Church in Elwood community near Quitman dedicated a new modern brick sanctuary on April 20. The building houses pastor's study, secretarial office, and two restrooms, plus spacious entrance and foyer.

Roscoe M. Hall, father of the pastor, Wilbur Hall, led in the dedication service. The contractor, Nathaniel Broadhead, also took part in the ceremony which followed a noon meal at the church. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered to the Lord "who provided earthly men with what they could only dream about."

## Bible Book Series

### Refusing To Enter The Land

By J. Roy McComb  
Pastor, First, Columbia  
Numbers 10:11-14:45

#### I. Following The Lord's Leadership (Numbers 10:11-12:16)

How did Israel respond during the travels from Sinai to the wilderness of Paran? At first Israel followed very faithfully the Lord's leadership. However, as time went along they began to have reservations.

#### 1. Leaving The Past (Numbers 10:11-32)

For eleven months Israel had remained in Sinai. They had been engaged in covenant making and preparation for the journey to the promised land. It had been fourteen months and twenty days since Israel had left Egypt. It had been nineteen days since the census of Numbers 1. Now the day of departure had arrived. Two significant elements note the departure of Israel from Sinai.

First, God gave the sign which He had promised. The cloud above the tabernacle was taken up.

Second, the line of march previously described was obeyed. The tabernacle was appropriated fixed in the middle. The ark of the covenant, however, went before the people during their journey of three days.

#### 2. Willingness To Move Forward

More is expected of God's people than that they let go of their past. Oftentimes God's people today spend so much time looking at the past that they can never hear the voice of God in today.

Another interesting note is that Moses invited his father-in-law, who was not an Israelite, to begin the journey with them. It is interesting that as God's people leave Mt. Sinai, another outside the racial origin is invited to go with them. God has actually never been a one-people God. All are invited into the covenants of God.

#### 3. Complaining About Life's Misfortunes (Number 11:1-9)

For those who assume that the wilderness experience was one of bliss, here is a quick reminder that it was not. The people began to complain because of the circumstances and the troubles they were encountering. They were unhappy because things weren't going exactly like they wanted them to go. The anger of the Lord was kindled

against them. Fire came down and burned up some of the outer portion of the camp.

The people complained because the manna God gave them was not sufficient. They wanted meat. Israel did the same that most people do. When the going got tough, they began to remember the good things of the past. They began to compare the bad things of the present with the good things of the past. A most dangerous thing for any church to do is to live in memory of those very sweet experiences of the past. All the experiences in the past are not sweet. We just have a tendency to remember those very vividly when present circumstances are troublesome.

God is not unconcerned with reference to His servants. The burden of Moses was a concern to the Lord. God had a solution. God's solution was, first, sharing the leadership role. Moses was still God's leader for His people. However, God instructed Moses to select seventy elders from Israel to officiate among the people.

Second, God's solution was to empower these men with His Spirit. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament is somewhat different from the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament may well be described as God's energizing power. The Spirit seems to have come upon people in the Old Testament for specific purposes and missions. In the New Testament the Spirit was given to God's people and endwells them and never departs from them.

Verse 31 begins a section that discusses the judgment of God. You will recall the people had complained that the manna was not sufficient. They wanted meat. God sends quail into the camp. The people get the quail, but when they begin to eat the quail God's anger burns against them and they were struck with a severe plague. Many of the people died. It would seem to this writer that this section is an indication that God's provisions are adequate. When one craves something beyond God's provision to the extent that God is complained against and God's servants are complained against, then God's judgment comes upon them. This does not in any way indicate that people should not desire provisions of life.

#### 5. Coveting The Leadership Of Another (Numbers 12:1-16)

This chapter relates to us the complaining and covetousness of Miriam and Aaron.

As far as they are concerned, somehow now they are questioning whether or not Moses can have the relationship he claims to have with God since he is married to this Cushite woman. It is interesting that often times people attack God's servants on a level other than at the point of real concern. It becomes quite obvious that Miriam and Aaron are jealous of Moses' leadership. Their alternate point of attack is a personal one. The Lord deals severely with Aaron and Miriam.

#### II. The Majority's Report (Numbers 13:1-14:45)

Israel is about to move into the promised land. The Lord instructed Moses to send men to explore the land of Canaan.

The twelve are instructed to analyze carefully the land and return with a report. When they returned to Moses and Aaron, the whole Israelite community was at Kadesh in the desert of Paran. They reported to the entire assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

They bring a positive report in many ways. They pointed out that it's a land flowing with milk and honey. The fruit is magnificent, but the people who live there are powerful and the cities are fortified and very large.

Caleb is the spokesman for the minority He and Joshua urge the people to take possession of the land that God has given them. However, the other ten are opposed. They spread among the people of Israel and give a bad report about the land they have explored. They claim that the land they explored will devour them. The people there are of great size. As a matter of fact, they so exaggerate the account that they say, "We are like grasshoppers." The grasshoppers syndrome is often a tragic experience among the people of God today. Many churches have a grasshopper psychology.

#### The People Rebel (Numbers 14:1-10)

The people respond to the report of the twelve by rebelling against Moses and Aaron. Again they complain. Again they look to the past. They remember the good things in Egypt.

## Life and Work Lesson

### The Place Of Faith

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor  
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Psalm 78:4-8; Acts 16:1-3; Philippians 2:19-22; Romans 16:3-5

Faith is the human response to the basic conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of the universe, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ. The Bible is the source of truth for this faith response. Therefore, each generation should be taught why God deserves trust and praise. The person of God and His word shall be given to each new generation because we are only one generation away from paganism.

#### I. Children Are To Share Faith of Parents (Psalm 78:4-8)

God made a covenant with his people. The truths and commands of God's dealing with his people is reflected from Genesis 17:10-14 in giving direction concerning circumcision to Deuteronomy 32:46 which states the final precept of the law. Children are heirs of the parents. So, the parents are to share their faith and spiritual values with their children. Children should earnestly seek to learn to live in their faith of their parents when based on biblical truth. This is the way in which the bulk of human knowledge actually passes on.

Charles Spurgeon writes that he who learns the law in his youth, resembles him that writes easily on new and pliable parchment; but, he who begins to learn it in his old age is like a man that tries to write on old and schriveled parchment. Thus learning the precepts of God would enable them to have their hopes in God because he had done so much for their forefathers. If they remembered God's mercies, they would obey him.

However, on a backward glance the writer saw the tragedy of a generation that forsook the Lord, and he yearned that future generation "should not be like their fathers" (v. 8). Thus, it is not always safe to follow in the footsteps of our fathers. He speaks here of those who died in the wilderness. Their fathers had rebelled against their faith in God and had to pay the consequences of rebellion.

#### II. Children Can Share Faith Even In A Divided Family (Acts 16:1-3)

Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois led him to share their faith in God even though his father was non-believing Greek. The full cooperation of father and mother is needed in building a Christian home. However, Timothy was the product of a divided home that succeeded in passing on the faith. The only thing we know about Timothy's father is that he was a Greek, not a member of the covenant community. The mother and grandmother were devout Jewesses, and they taught Timothy the Scriptures (II Timothy 3:14-15). Paul notes that the faith "dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice" (II Timothy 1:5). Thus a divided home was able to lay a good foundation as a mother and grandmother joined their efforts in passing on a heritage of faith.

Timothy was probably converted during Paul's first visit to Lystra, and at this point in Acts, he had been converted three or four years. He had developed and proven himself as a Christian during these years. Timothy's character and ability was attested by many fellow believers. However, a weakness in his mother is reflected in that she had not led in Timothy being circumcised. This weakness was later corrected maybe because she had faithfully taught him God's word.

#### III. Timothy Shares Faith of Spiritual Father (Philippians 2:19-22)

The main point here is that Timothy showed himself to be a child who closely resembles his father; that is his father in the faith and ministry. Three times they had seen Timothy (Acts 16:13; 19:22; 20:34). The fiber of his faith and the commitment of his life led Paul to high praise of him. In verse 20, "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state." Paul sees the same hope guiding Timothy as that which guides him. Their mission in ministry is the same. The love and mutual trust is reflected, and these factors had led to a deep respect between Paul and Timothy.

Since nothing is said of Timothy's father except that he was Greek, Bible students have assumed that he died when Timothy was young. When

Timothy joined Paul in the missionary enterprise, he found a spiritual father. Paul doubtless supplied many of the things Timothy had missed in a natural father. Timothy was probably a teenager when he joined Paul; but by the time the letter to the Philippians was written, he had become one of Paul's trusted associates. Paul paid him a high tribute by entrusting the Philippiian mission to him. In view of the sterling qualities of some of Paul's associates, this was a great trust. In serving with Paul as a son with a father, Timothy had been blessed by the support, encouragement, and instruction of a noble father figure.

#### IV. Faith Of The Home Can Share Christ (Romans 16:3-5)

Priscilla and Aquila were Paul's helpers in tent-making and Christian service. Their home was opened to early believers as a place to share and worship. Epaphroditus was probably converted in their home. He is only mentioned here. It is likely that Epaphroditus was converted by Priscilla and Aquila, and that is the reason his name is mentioned here after their name.

"Fellow workers in Christ" is the way Paul spoke of his good friends. They took Paul into their home and hearts when he came to Corinth to begin his mission work there (Acts 18:1-3). They took him to their business also, so that he might earn a living while doing mission work. We do not know how or when they risked their necks to save Paul, but we know they were willing to take high risks for the gospel. Also the fact that their home was open to the early church tells us that this devoted couple kept faith in Christ at the very heart of their home life.

Many forces tend to fragment families today and militate against the nature of children in the Christian faith. However, difficulties can serve as a challenge to the parents to find new and innovative ways of sharing their faith. Regular church worship and living examples are two ways to share faith. Children sense the reverence and dedication of their parents. Someone has well said that the faith of parents is not so much taught as caught. Children usually catch the faith from their parents if that faith is experiential and earnest.